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## LETTERS

### HELP!

Dear Huskers:

I enjoy your magazine immensely, particularly the expanded coverage of the NU basketball team in the Husker Hoops feature each issue. I hope that you will provide year around coverage of Big Red basketball and baseball as both programs are beginning to attain national prominence.

I also hope that you, or your readers can help me find some NU football press/media guides. I would like to obtain the press guides for the 1966 through 1970 football seasons, (they do not need to be in good shape), but I do not know where to search. Do you have any suggestions? Thanks for your assistance and keep up the excellent work! Bruce Tangeman  
512 West Perry St.  
Papillion, Neb.

Bruce: We've included your address so readers can correspond. Very few of the old media guides remain in the Nebraska sports information office, and those copies are generally kept for working purposes. Good luck.

### MUST READING

Dear Huskers:

In a recent "Letters" section you wrote to Bob Varrer of San Antonio, Texas, in reply to his request for books written about Nebraska football. You mentioned some very fine books but left out *My Big Red Obsession* by Charlie Winkler. In 1975, *Sports Illustrated* acclaimed Charlie as the nation's No. 1 fan, and he still is. And obviously, he's Nebraska's No. 1 fan.

Gregory Leth  
Grand Island, Neb.

### STAND BY YOUR MAN

Dear Huskers:

I've been a devoted Cornhusker fan since my boyhood days in McCook, a half-century ago. I'm old enough to remember the Jan. 1, 1941 Rose Bowl, and Stanford beating Nebraska, 21-13. But I don't remember anybody crying for a coaching change. Anybody who watched or listened to the game knew that Frankie Albert, the Stanford quarterback, wouldn't let the Huskers play with the football. He was that good.

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I remember the dreary decade of the 1940s when the Cornhuskers were so bad that even a lousy first down would get a cheer.

Now, shame on Betty O'Neill and G.S. Summers (Letters, March 1989). They are crying about two defeats in an 11-2 season. O'Neill wants a coaching change.

Granted, the first quarter of the UCLA game was torturous to watch.

But the Cornhuskers came back to make a game of it. Simply, the game started too early and ended too soon.

As far as the Miami game is concerned, O'Neill and Summers should read the article in the same issue beginning on page 30 and count the number of references to Miami's quickness. Example: "On the last play of the first quarter, Cornhusker I-back Ken Clark was dropped for a 1-yard loss as he tried

to get to the outside. All 11 Miami defenders were either on or around the pile." The Cornhuskers were simply outnumbered.

And as far as a coaching change is concerned, who would you replace Tom Osborne with? Barry Switzer? No thanks.

The Cornhuskers should not be scolded for an 11-2 season; they should be congratulated. 1988 was a terrific season. Go Big Red! Go Big Tom!

Everett Skillman  
Covina, Calif.

Dear Huskers:

While reading the Letters section of the March issue, I became very embarrassed by correspondence from two supposed Husker fans, Betty O'Neill and G.S. Summers. Both of these people suggested a needed attitude adjustment and that the Orange Bowl was a less than total performance by Coach Osborne and the football team.

This letter is to congratulate Coach Osborne and his staff on another great football season and an even grander career. I am totally satisfied with Coach Osborne and the team. Their fine efforts did not humiliate me in any way.

It is my opinion that the attitude adjustment should come from the self-proclaimed but fickle fans.

Keep up the wonderful job, Coach, and I hope you *never* change. We have a fine program at Nebraska of which I'm very proud.

Thurston Bechtel  
Downey, Calif.

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Dear Huskers:

We are four Italian football players and, of course, we are Big Red fans. Our game shirts are black and yellow (we're the Turin Jaguars), but our hearts are red and white.

We have a subscription to *Huskers Illustrated*, and we are following all the events concerning the Cornhuskers. We don't want to talk about how great Coach Osborne is, and we don't want to talk about how great the Huskers are, because anybody knows that they're great. We wish only to let the American Husker fans know that the Big Reds

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#### WHERE'S DAN?

Dear Huskers,

First of all, congratulations on beating the Sooners and going to the Orange Bowl.

There was a young tight end in Nebraska's 1987 recruiting crop named Dan Lohmeier. I know he had knee problems last year, but I haven't heard anything about him lately. What has happened to him?

Adam Faulhaber  
Naperville, Ill.

Adam: Unfortunately, Lohmeier's knee did not respond to rehabilitation efforts and he left the team this spring.

#### DESPERATELY SEEKING TAPES

Dear Huskers,

I'd like to congratulate you on your fine publication. I especially liked how you updated the team statistics each week during the season.

If anyone can help me find the 1984 Orange Bowl, 1983 OU game, and the 1986 Fiesta Bowl, I'd really appreciate it. I personally have tapes from the 1987 season through the 1989 Orange Bowl. If you need a tape, feel free to write. Go Big Red!

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#### ASK AND IT IS GIVEN

Dear Huskers,

I am a lifetime Husker fan and I am looking for a videotape of the 1988 Oklahoma State-Nebraska clash. I would appreciate any help.

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Alan and Jeff: Maybe you two need to get together and discuss a "tape exchange."

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By Mike Babcock

# Lost and Found

DESPITE LOSING 12 STARTERS, TOM OSBORNE HAS FOUND SOME TALENTED REPLACEMENTS.

**T**om Osborne, ever the pessimist when the subject is an upcoming football season, acknowledged that his 17th Nebraska team could be pretty good. However, it's also "capable of being very average," he said following the annual spring intrasquad

game.

"I think we've found some players (in spring practice). How good we'll be, I don't know. When you're talking about winning 10 or 11 games, your players have to be a cut above good."

The Cornhuskers lost several players

who were a cut above good from last year's Big Eight championship team. Broderick Thomas, Steve Taylor, LeRoy Etienne, Lawrence Pete, Dana Brinson, Todd Millikan, Charles Fryar and Andy Keeler, just to name a few.

In all, seven defensive starters and five offensive starters departed, 10 of whom were All-Big Eight.

"We lost a lot of real talented players," Osborne said after the first of the allotted 20 spring practices.

Given the losses, this spring was the beginning of what might be one of the more significant rebuilding jobs at Nebraska since Osborne replaced Bob Devaney as head coach in 1973, though "I guess I don't like the term rebuilding because, many times, that carries the connotation that you're not going to be very good," he said.

The rebuilding process — reloading might be more acceptable to Osborne — has been further complicated by the fact that for the first time in several years, the Cornhuskers won't have a proven quarterback when they open against Northern Illinois, Sept. 9.

Taylor (who signed with the Canadian Football League's Edmonton Eskimos) and Turner Gill handled that responsibility with all-conference precision for the better part of six of the past eight seasons. As a result, an overriding issue during the spring was a quarterback search, which essentially began and ended with Gerry Gdowski.

So that's where this assessment of the spring probably ought to begin.

Gdowski will enter fall camp No. 1 on the depth chart at quarterback, a spot the senior from Fremont, Neb., earned with his steady and heady play during spring drills. "He made fewer mistakes

**After a fine scout-team effort and despite injuries, McCant looks solid.**



and played the best," said Osborne.

Gdowski's spring-game performance wasn't spectacular, but he played very well early, according to Osborne, who already knows his capabilities.

Gdowski threw one interception during the spring game, "about the only thing he did badly," Osborne said. "Gerry, basically, had a good spring."

The competition behind him was spirited, with Mickey Joseph trying to hold on to the backup job against pressure from several young players, most notably Mike Grant. Among the others were Keithen McCant, Jerry Dunlap and Tom Haase.

McCant, who distinguished himself as a redshirt on the scout team last fall, and Haase both missed the spring game; McCant because of a separated shoulder, Haase because of a broken arm.

Joel Cornwell, John McMillan and Bart James were the other quarterbacks who saw action in the spring game.

Grant, who led the junior varsity to a 5-0 season as a freshman last fall, probably drew the most attention from fans during the spring game. He completed only four of 12 passes for 20 yards, with one interception. But he carried 19 times for a game-high 157 yards and one touchdown.

Grant moved from sixth to third on the depth chart during the spring. However, if he can get no higher in the fall, he still could end up redshirting, a possibility he doesn't dismiss.

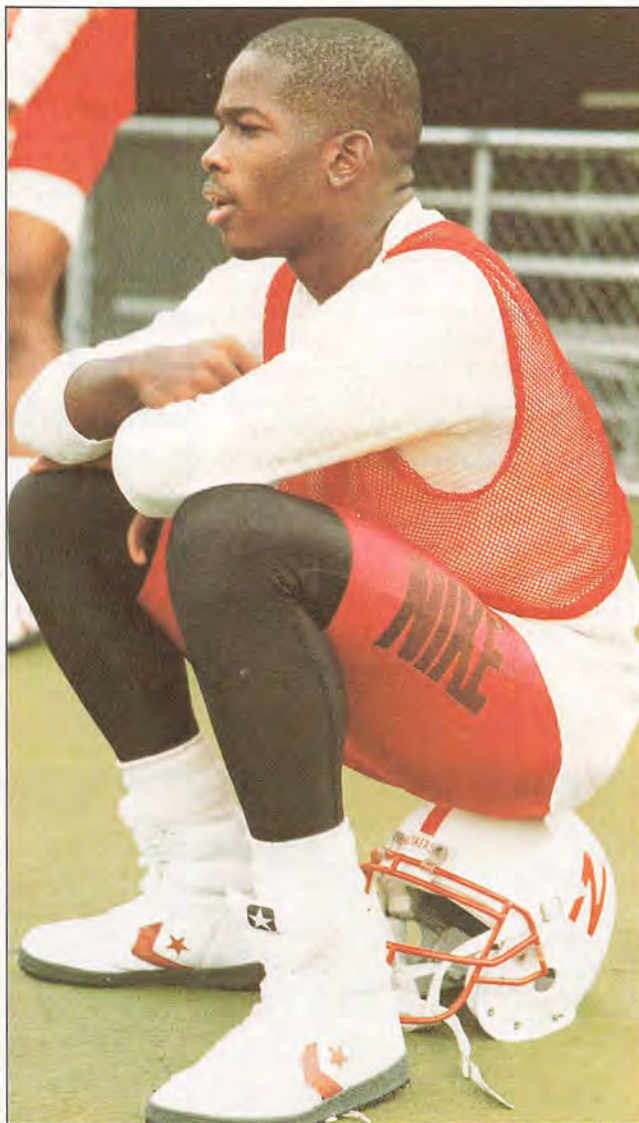
Although the quarterback competition might have been the most closely scrutinized by fans, the success of whoever has that job will be determined, to a large degree, by an offensive line in which only two starters return, All-American center Jake Young and tackle Doug Glaser.

The Cornhuskers' 23-3 loss to Miami in the 1989 Orange Bowl illustrates the importance of the offensive line. "We just couldn't block them," Osborne said of the Hurricanes. "If you can't do that, you can't run or throw."

Success on offense begins up-front, an area in which Nebraska didn't solve all of its problems in the spring.

The biggest concern in the offensive line is depth. Based on the spring, it appears the Cornhuskers can field at least one solid line.

**Mickey Joseph  
fought back  
challengers for  
the No. 2 QB  
spot.**



Tom Punt spent most of the spring at the tackle opposite Glaser, with Steve Engstrom, Terry Eyman, and Brian Boerboom, among others, also in the picture at that position. Engstrom, who was given a brief trial at guard in the spring, was scheduled to undergo minor shoulder surgery. But he's expected to be ready by the start of fall camp.

At the end of spring practice, Jim Wane and John Roschal were the No. 1 guards on the depth chart, but the starting assignments there probably won't be made until the fall.

Bill Bobbora was sharing No. 1 with Roschal before he was sidelined by a knee injury. Several other guards still have a chance to assert themselves, among them Chris O'Gara, Erik Wie-

gert and possibly David Edeal, who also may end up as Young's backup at center, along with Roger Fitzke.

In recent seasons, "we haven't recruited the number of kids (linemen) we've needed to recruit," offensive line coach Milt Tenopir said.

That doesn't mean the program is without physically talented offensive linemen. The problem is inexperience. "We just need to have the green ones come on a little quicker than what we've been accustomed to," said Tenopir.

There was less concern about the other offensive positions going into the spring, and nothing happened to change that, no serious injuries.

Monte Kratzenstein, who caught a touchdown pass from Gdowski in the

spring game, was the first-team tight end throughout the spring. Another on whom Nebraska will count in the fall, Chris Garrett, missed all of the spring because of a shoulder injury, while William Washington, a redshirt, got his first taste of varsity competition.

Morgan Gregory returns as the starter at split end, with Chip Bahe heading a group of quality backups.

The Cornhuskers figure to be strong at wingback, with Richard Bell and Nate Turner back. Both were hampered by injuries in the spring. Turner missed all but two days, in fact. Brad Devall suffered a strained arch just prior to the spring game, and Tyrone Hughes sustained a concussion the first time he touched the ball in his first scrimmage of the spring.

Last season's fullbacks (Bryan Carpenter, Sam Schmidt and Lance Lewis) return, and they all seemed to have satisfactory springs.

And depth was the only question to

be answered at I-back with the return of Ken Clark, who rushed for 1,497 yards and was All-Big Eight last season.

Clark was limited by injuries during the spring and played only briefly in the spring game, scoring the first touchdown on a 1-yard run. With the depar-

## **Gerry Gdowski earned the No. 1 QB spot with his steady, heady play.**

ture of Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders to the NFL, Clark could be a viable Heisman Trophy candidate.

Leodis Flowers emerged from spring drills as a quality backup to Clark, and if Terry Rodgers can return as expected this fall following reconstructive knee

surgery, Nebraska should again be solid at I-back.

Most prominent among the other young I-backs already in the program are George Achola, Scott Baldwin, and Andre McDuffy. Much-publicized recruit Derek Brown from Anaheim, Calif., and Ernie Beler, who has yet to enroll as a full-time student at Nebraska, also could be in the picture if they meet NCAA eligibility requirements.

Defensively, Osborne also hoped to solve some problems in the line and at noseguard during the spring. Apparently, he did.

Mike Murray, voted by his teammates as Lifter of the Year, regained confidence and played the way he did as a sophomore in 1987. "This year will be different," Murray told reporters the day he received the lifter award.

Depth at noseguard became less of a concern with the emergence of Pat Engelbert, a redshirted sophomore from Scotus High School in Columbus, Neb., who worked his way to No. 2 on the depth chart during spring practice.

In addition, Junior Monarrez and Brian Edgren have limited experience at noseguard. Monarrez was sidelined by a knee injury throughout the spring.

"I thought going into the spring that (noseguard) might be a real concern," Osborne said.

However, with Murray and Engelbert playing to their potential, noseguard is "an area that's probably a little better than we thought."

Kent Wells, who missed the early part of spring practice because of a knee injury, returns to handle one of the tackle positions. Among the other candidates at defensive tackle are Joe Sims, Paul Brungardt and Ray Valladao, all of whom have experience.

Valladao missed the entire spring because of a knee injury but should be ready for the start of fall camp.

Le Andre Anderson and Kenny Walker also worked their way into the picture at defensive tackle during the spring.

Jeremiah Clark, who had an outstanding season at defensive tackle for the junior varsity as a freshman, was held out of spring practice after failing to meet some Osborne-imposed academic requirements. That means he'll prob-



**Jeff Mills is the most experienced of NU's gifted LBs.**

ably spend a redshirt season this fall.

One of the negatives in the spring was the loss of defensive tackle Dave Jensen, who suffered a knee injury that will sideline him next season.

Because Jensen, a *Parade* All-American at Omaha Creighton Prep, redshirted last fall, "we can appeal for a hardship ruling," said Osborne. "But I don't know if we can get it."

Depth at outside linebacker became a concern after Dan Svehla, No. 2 on the right side, suffered a broken leg in the spring game, Osborne said.

The starters, Jeff Mills and Mike Croel, are solid and will help ease the loss of Thomas. Travis Hill and David White, both of whom were redshirted as freshmen, have outstanding physical ability, but they lack experience.

The competition at inside linebacker was spirited during the spring and figures to continue in the fall, with Randall Jobman and Pat Tyrance starting out at the top of the depth chart.

Chris Caliendo, the returning starter who began at No. 1 on the weak side, had a so-so spring but is being counted on, as are Brad Ferguson and Mark Hagge.

In addition, Mike Petko (a key defender on last fall's undefeated fresh-

## **Based on the spring, it appears the Huskers can field at least one solid offensive line.**

man-junior varsity) apparently won't redshirt after proving he's ready to step in with the varsity.

The secondary could be one of the strongest areas on the team this fall. "Last year, we had the best secondary we've ever had here," says George

Darlington, the defensive backs coach. "I think we've got just as much talent as that group and maybe more speed. And the benefit for this year's group is that they can use last year as a reference point, rather than (using) some group of defensive backs who played before they were born."

The most prominent member of the secondary is strong safety Reggie Cooper, a definite candidate for postseason honors. Among those playing alongside him will be Marvin Sanders, Tahaun Lewis, and Bruce Pickens, all of whom have experience, as well as Jon Crippen, Tyrone Legette, Will Thomas, Steve Carmer, Curtis Cotton, Freeman White, and Tyrone Byrd.

Depending on how fall camp goes, Legette could play without redshirting. Carmer spent time with the varsity last fall as a freshman. And Cotton, one of the candidates for Lifter of the Year, was among the most pleasant surprises during spring drills. Despite the loss of

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## HUSKER THREE-DEEP

(End of spring practice; returning starters in boldface)

### OFFENSE

SE	19	<b>MORGAN GREGORY **</b> , 5-11, 190, Sr., Denver, Colo.
	82	Chip Bahe **, 5-9, 170, Sr., Fremont, Neb.
	83	Tim McCoy *, 6-0, 175, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
LT	78	Tom Punt *, 6-8, 285, Jr., Sioux Center, Iowa
	77	Terry Eyman *, 6-6, 265, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
	61	Erik Wiegert, 6-4, 270, So., Fremont, Neb.
LG	66	Jim Wanek *, 6-1, 255, Jr., Aurora, Neb.
	54	Chris O'Gara **, 6-4, 270, Sr., Madison, Wis.
	62	Erik Kiehn, 6-2, 260, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
C	68	<b>JAKE YOUNG ***</b> , 6-4, 270, Sr., Midland, Texas
	58	David Edeal *, 6-2, 285, Jr., Loomis, Neb.
	52	Roger Fitzke *, 6-0, 235, Sr., Harvard, Neb.
RG	64	John Roschal *, 6-3, 250, Jr., Houston, Texas
	69	Bill Bobbora *, 6-3, 265, Sr., Amarillo, Texas
	67	Rob Leuck, 6-0, 245, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
RT	70	<b>DOUG GLASER **</b> , 6-7, 295, Sr., Balch Springs, Texas
	73	Steve Engstrom *, 6-3, 285, So., Lincoln, Neb.
	76	Brian Boerboom, 6-7, 285, So., Colorado Springs, Colo.
TE	85	Monte Kratzenstein **, 6-3, 230, Sr., Gothenburg, Neb.
	89	William Washington, 6-2, 245, Fr., Tyler, Texas
	80	Chris Garrett *, 6-3, 225, So., Snyder, Texas
QB	14	Gerry Gdowski **, 6-0, 190, Sr., Fremont, Neb.
	2	Mickey Joseph *, 5-11, 175, So., Marrero, La.
	11	Mike Grant, 6-2, 200, So., Valrico, Fla.
FB	29	<b>BRYAN CARPENTER **</b> , 5-10, 205, Sr., Olathe, Kan.
	25	Sam Schmidt **, 6-1, 225, Sr., Wood River, Neb.
	18	Lance Lewis *, 6-0, 205, So., Scott City, Kan.
IB	32	<b>KEN CLARK **</b> , 5-10, 200, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
	23	Leodis Flowers *, 5-11, 200, So., Omaha, Neb.
	20	Terry Rodgers *, 5-7, 170, Jr., National City, Calif.
WB	21	<b>RICHARD BELL **</b> , 6-0, 205, Sr., Altadena, Calif.
	22	Nate Turner **, 6-2, 220, So., Chicago, Ill.
	6	Brad Devall *, 5-9, 180, Jr., O'Neill, Neb.
K	44	<b>GREGG BARRIOS **</b> , 5-8, 180, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
or	16	<b>CHRIS DRENNAN **</b> , 5-9, 200, Sr., Cypress, Calif.

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### DEFENSE

OLB	42	<b>JEFF MILLS **</b> , 6-4, 235, Sr., Montclair, N.J.
	93	Travis Hill, 6-2, 230, Fr., Pearland, Texas
	86	Joe Spitzenberger, 6-1, 220, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
LT	56	Joe Sims *, 6-3, 285, Jr., Sudbury, Mass.
	95	Paul Brungardt **, 6-7, 265, Jr., Battle Creek, Neb.
	75	Ray Valladao **, 6-3, 255, Jr., Atwater, Calif.
NG	74	Mike Murray **, 5-10, 240, Sr., Chicago, Ill.
	97	Pat Engelbert, 6-2, 245, So., Columbus, Neb.
	63	Brian Edgren *, 6-1, 250, Jr., Holdrege, Neb.
RT	91	<b>KENT WELLS **</b> , 6-5, 280, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
	90	Le Andre Anderson, 6-4, 245, Jr., Chicago, Ill.
	57	Kenny Walker, 6-4, 230, Jr., Crane, Texas
OLB	88	Mike Croel **, 6-3, 225, Jr., Sudbury, Mass.
	87	Dan Svehla *, 6-0, 235, Jr., Clarkson, Neb.
	96	David White, 6-2, 225, Fr., Gretna, La.
SLB	55	Randall Jobman **, 6-3, 235, Sr., Lisco, Neb.
	37	Mike Petko, 6-2, 225, So., Anaheim, Calif.
	39	Mark Hagge *, 5-11, 230, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
WLB	40	Pat Tyrance *, 6-2, 240, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
	49	<b>CHRIS CALIENDO **</b> , 6-2, 240, Sr., Brookfield, Wis.
	51	Brad Ferguson **, 6-1, 220, Sr., Chadron, Neb.
LCB	38	Bruce Pickens *, 5-11, 190, Jr., Kansas City, Mo.
	45	Jon Crippen, 5-10, 170, Jr., Houston, Texas
	28	Eric Anderson, 5-8, 180, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
RCB	5	Tahaun Lewis **, 5-11, 175, Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.
	3	Tyrone Legette, 5-9, 170, So., Columbia, S.C.
SS	17	<b>REGGIE COOPER **</b> , 6-3, 205, Jr., Slidell, La.
	24	Curtis Cotton, 6-1, 195, So., Omaha, Neb.
	27	Freeman White, 6-1, 200, So., Kansas City, Mo.
FS	26	Marvin Sanders **, 5-11, 190, Sr., Markham, Ill.
	8	Tyrone Byrd, 5-11, 170, Fr., Chandler, Ariz.
	31	Steve Carmer, 6-1, 200, So., Weston, Neb.
	1	Will Thomas, 6-0, 170, So., Houston, Texas
P	47	Mike Stigge, 6-1, 190, Fr., Washington, Kan.
	48	Scott Beckler, 6-0, 195, Sr., Grand Island, Neb.

three starters, the secondary could be better this season. "We're pretty talented there," Osborne said.

Mike Stigge, a walkon from Washington, Kan., established himself as the No. 1 punter going into fall camp, while Gregg Barrios and Chris Drennan continued their spirited but friendly competition for the kicking job.

Tom Janky, who handled kickoffs early last season, suffered a knee injury trying to run with a high punt snap during the spring game and probably will be lost for the fall.

The spring game was "a tough day for

injuries," Osborne said afterward. "We probably had more today than in the rest of the spring combined." That seems ironic since spring practice "overall, was as physical as we've ever had."

The physicalness of the practices was by design, according to Osborne. "We felt we had a lot of young guys who really needed to go get it," he said. The physical play combined with unseasonal heat to make it "probably the hardest spring we've had."

For the most part, the Cornhuskers came through it in good shape.

"We've done well," Osborne said.

What that means for next season, however, is difficult to tell. "Spring ball is always so relative you really don't know.

"I think we've seen both the offense and defense look good at times, and we've seen some athletic talent among the younger players. But we're still not a finished product."

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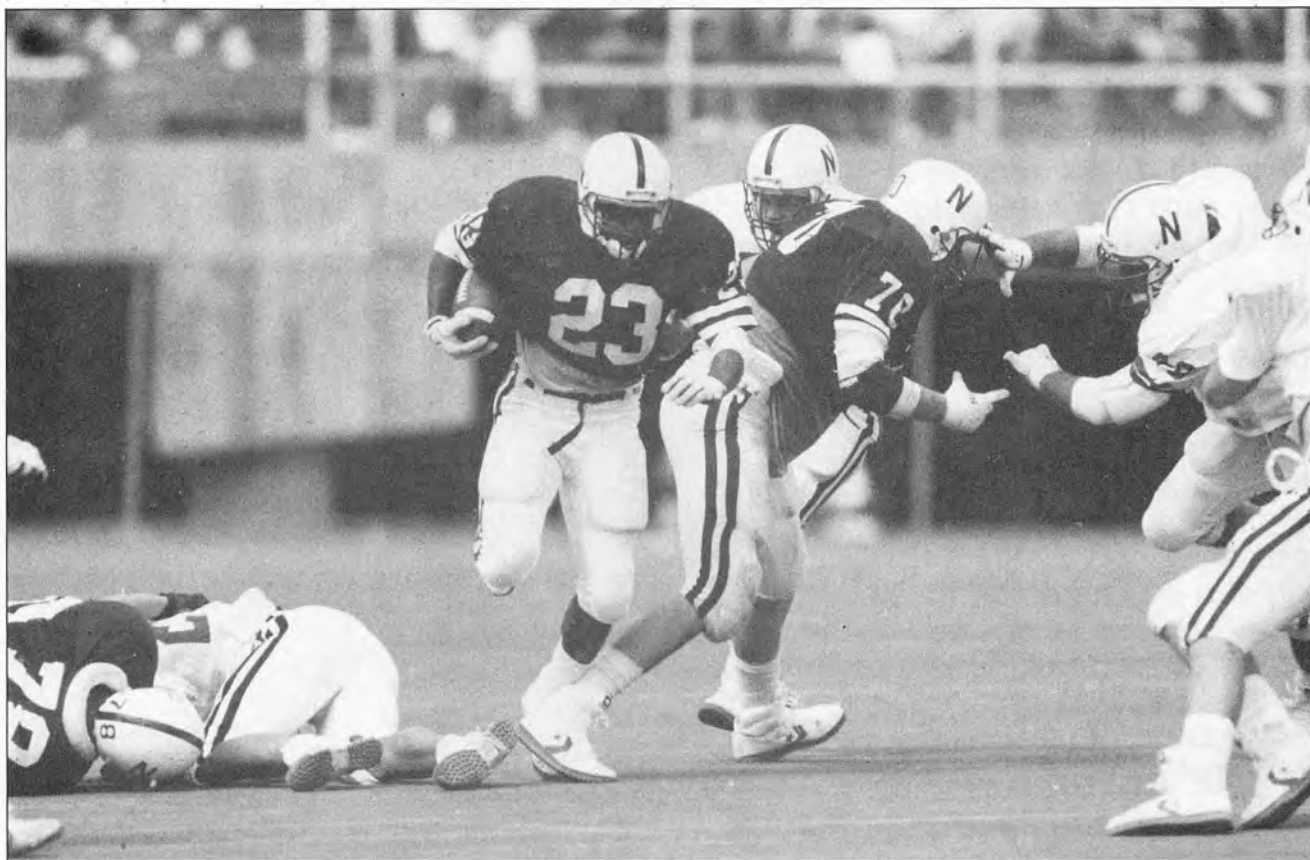
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# The Best Ragged Game Ever Played

The Red-White affair had its miscues, proving only that NU is young, improving and very good.

By Ken Hambleton



**O**n the surface it might have appeared the offense had fallen into depths never before reached and the defense had disappeared in the annual Nebraska Red-White spring game.

But to the contrary, "it was more good than bad," Coach Tom Osborne said after the White team of second- and third-

Leodis Flowers led all I-backs with 81 yards rushing.

teamers beat the Red team of first- and fourth-stringers 40-28 in Memorial Stadium.

The offense suffered through eight pass interceptions, 16 penalties and three lost fumbles.

The No. 1 defense was poked and prodded for two sustained touchdown drives.

"It was a fair evaluation and I think it was a good game that showed we have come a long, long way," Osborne said. "The pass interceptions and the penalties were too much, but we saw an awful lot of young players, and considering we had just one defensive set and only half of our offense in use today, I'm not that displeased."

Because there were scouts from next fall's opponents in attendance, the Cornhusker staff limited the range of plays for use by both the offense and defense.

Still, there were plenty of highlights in the 170-play intrasquad scrimmage that marked the end of 20 days of spring practice.

Senior quarterback Gerry Gdowski solidified his hold on the No. 1 spot to replace Steve Taylor with a strong,

## **Gdowski led the Reds on scoring drives of 64 and 81 yards on its first two possessions.**

steady performance that helped lead the Red team to a 14-0 lead.

But turnovers by the lower units led to two quick touchdowns by the Whites that tied the game.

Gdowski led the first-team on scoring drives of 64 yards and 81 yards on its first two possessions.

Gdowski hit tight end Monte Kratzenstein on an 18-yard pass then split end Morgan Gregory on an 11-yard pass to spark the drive that ended on a 1-yard run by I-back Ken Clark.

Clark, who saw limited play because of a groin injury, rushed for 16 yards on one scamper to set up his touchdown.

On the Red's next possession fullback Bryan Carpenter broke loose on a 53-yard trap play to set up a 10-yard touchdown pass from Gdowski to Kratzenstein.

The roll came to a stop on the next drive though, as backup strong safety Curtis Cotton stepped in front of a Gdowski pass and returned it 31 yards to the Reds' 12. Two plays later, freshman I-back Scott Baldwin scored on a 3-yard run.

**Randall Jobman's interception set up the Reds' last lead.**



Justin Krantz intercepted a Bart James pass to set up the Whites' second touchdown when he returned the interception to the Red 18-yard line. Three plays later, freshman I-back Andre McDuffy scored on a 1-yard dive to tie the game.

The Red gained the lead again when Leodis Flowers scored on a 7-yard run, capping a string of 8-, 2-, and 3-yards runs after Randall Jobman intercepted a pass by White team quarterback Jerry Dunlap.

But that was the last time the Red offense scored until late in the game.

The White team, sparked by an interception by Eric Anderson, marched 75 yards in 10 plays behind the quarterbacking of Dunlap, who hit Tim McCoy on a key 7-yard pass and scrambled for

a 12-yard run before hitting tight end Daryl Leise on a pretty, 29-yard touchdown pass to tie the game with 3:13 left in the first half.

Freshman quarterback Mike Grant then took over the game in the third quarter, rushing for 111 of his game-leading 157 yards rushing in the period.

On the first drive of the third quarter, Grant broke loose on runs of 12, 31 and 2 yards to set up McDuffy's 2-yard touchdown run that put the White team ahead 28-21 with 10:52 left in the third quarter.

After two holding penalties stalled the Reds, Grant ignited another scoring drive. This time with runs of 35, 15, 5 and 14 yards, plus a 6-yard pass to Tim McCoy, Grant netted the Whites a

touchdown in 12 plays and boosted the lead to 34-21.

The Red team finally answered when sophomore quarterback Mickey Joseph did some fine running of his own, sprinting for 21 yards and 4 yards to set up a 39-yard touchdown bomb to Gregory at the end of the third quarter.

But the last four Red possessions ended on an incompleteness, an interception, a lost fumble and a drive stymied by penalties.

In the meantime, the Whites added one final score on McDuffy's third touchdown of the day. The Whites added insult to injury by recovering an on-

side kick in the waning moments of the game.

The game was hard fought as three Cornhuskers left the game with serious injuries and six others were helped off the field.

Second-string outside linebacker Dan Svehla suffered a broken leg and will be out until at least the Big Eight portion of the 1989 season, Osborne said.

Backup kicker Tom Janky and back-up I-back Troy Uhlir suffered serious knee injuries and will probably miss the 1989 season recovering from reconstructive surgery.

Other injured players included defensive tackle Kenny Walker (sprained ankle), Baldwin (separated shoulder), Lance Bobolz (shoulder injury) and Dunlap (mild concussion).

"We expected some injuries, but the

**Mike Grant ignited another scoring drive, this time with runs of 35, 15, 5, and 14 yards.**

injury to Svehla thins out the group at outside linebacker some," Osborne said. "This was the hardest hitting, most physical spring we've ever had. The reason was because we have so many young people to get accustomed to competition.

Osborne said he was pleased with the play of Gdowski, who will go into the fall as the No. 1 quarterback.

"Gerry did well. Except for the one interception, he didn't make a mistake," Osborne said. "In terms of knowledge, experience and overall ability he is the No. 1 guy going into the fall."

But Osborne also had plenty of praise for Grant. "He had a very good day and did some things very well. His running was very effective."

After Grant, I-back Flowers was the leading rusher with 81 yards on 16 carries, while McDuffy had 68 yards on 17 carries and Clark 38 yards on eight carries.

The I-backs ran 58 times for 268 yards and five touchdowns in the game.



Ken Clark played sparingly because of a groin injury.

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Linebacker Travis Hill (80) closes on Ken Clark (32).

NU running backs coach Frank Solich said he was pleased with the play of Flowers as well as McDuffy and Baldwin. "I think Flowers is ready to have a great year next year and those other two are very tough kids, and I think we can count on them. With Kenny Clark getting healthy, the picture looks pretty good," he said.

Osborne said he didn't feel there were any big disappointments in the game.

"I think I had some perceptions that might bear a little review over the summer," he said. "But I got a better idea of who can play and who can help us win 10, 11 and 12 games next year."

Gdowski, who completed four of nine passes and ran for 23 yards, said he expected more of himself in the scrimmage. "It's got to get better in order for us to be successful. We're going to have to complete 55 to 60 percent of our passes to do that," he said.

Osborne explained that since new plays the offense had been working on

## SPRING GAME STAT LEADERS

<b>RUSHING</b>	<b>Carries</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>RECEIVING</b>	<b>Rec.</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>Avg.</b>
<b>Grant</b>	19	157	8.3	<b>Gregory</b>	3	58	19.3
<b>Flowers</b>	16	81	5.1	<b>Leise</b>	1	29	29
<b>McDuffy</b>	17	68	9.7	<b>Kratzenstein</b>	2	28	14
<b>Carpenter</b>	4	65	16.2	<b>McCoy</b>	3	19	6.3
<b>Joseph</b>	8	55	6.9	<b>Pick</b>	1	14	14
<b>Achola</b>	8	44	5.5	<b>Bell</b>	1	6	6
<b>Clark</b>	8	38	4.8	<b>Werner</b>	1	5	5
<b>Dunlap</b>	5	36	7.2	<b>Prater</b>	1	3	3
<b>Baldwin</b>	9	32	3.6	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>12.5</b>
<b>Gdowski</b>	5	23	4.6	<b>PASSING</b>	<b>Comp.</b>	<b>Att.</b>	<b>Yards</b>
<b>Lewis</b>	6	17	2.8	<b>Joseph</b>	3	10	48
<b>Janky</b>	2	13	6.5	<b>Gdowski</b>	4	9	45
<b>Glantz</b>	1	6	6	<b>Cornwell</b>	1	1	43
<b>Bell</b>	2	6	3	<b>Dunlap</b>	2	7	36
<b>Reynolds</b>	1	5	5	<b>Grant</b>	4	12	20
<b>Schmidt</b>	1	3	3	<b>James</b>	2	6	8
<b>McMillen</b>	2	2	1	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>5.7</b>				

all spring were taken out of the game, the offense was somewhat limited.

Safety Reggie Cooper, the one returning starter in the secondary, said he hoped for a better game from the defense, but he wasn't upset so many points were scored.

"We only had the one defensive set and the one coverage so the offense could pull some stuff on us," he said. "They knew where the weaknesses were but we still played pretty well, and I gained a lot of confidence in the defense because I know what we can do when we get it together as a team."

Osborne feels it's necessary to keep in mind that "we're not a finished product, and we actually have more time in the fall (29 days as opposed to 20 in the spring) to build this team," he said.

"We have the makings of a good team. I think we have some talent. You worry when the No. 2 offense goes through the No. 1 defense like they did, and you

worry about the interceptions," he said. "But that points out that we have a good secondary and we have a good second-unit on offense. That's the problem with spring ball: there's always something to worry about.

"I think we have the kind of people who can play and it'll be just a matter of time."

Osborne said he didn't see any gaping holes in his team, but there are some thin spots that need to be filled up.

"We didn't come out of the spring needing any one thing or any one position and that's good. We're a little thin at outside linebacker and offensive line, but there is time and there are people who can do the job," he said. "We had so many young and inexperienced people to get through the spring, and we did pretty well except for the heavy injuries in this game.

"I think everybody can use a break now." ■



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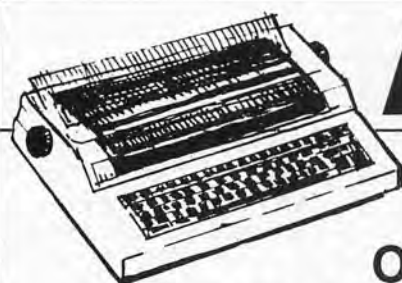
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**I**f Mike Grant keeps winning the battles, eventually he may win the war.

Grant, a freshman from Brandon, Fla., picked up where he left off

last fall when he led the Nebraska freshman football team to a 5-0 record and set a number of individual records along the way.

This spring, he capped the annu-

al Red-White intrasquad game with his best performance ever as he rallied the White team to a 40-28 upset win.

Along the way, Grant led all rushers with 157 yards and a touchdown and set up two others.

"I was psyched because the guys on the Red team (first- and fourth-years) had been talking to us about how bad they would kill us in the spring game," Grant said. "That's the same kind of stuff we heard last fall when eight of the recruits redshirted and guys said the freshman team wasn't going to be any good."

Chalk another one up for Grant.

Behind the line of scrimmage Grant ran like a quarterback, but he turned into an I-back downfield as he raced away from and bowled over would-be tacklers.

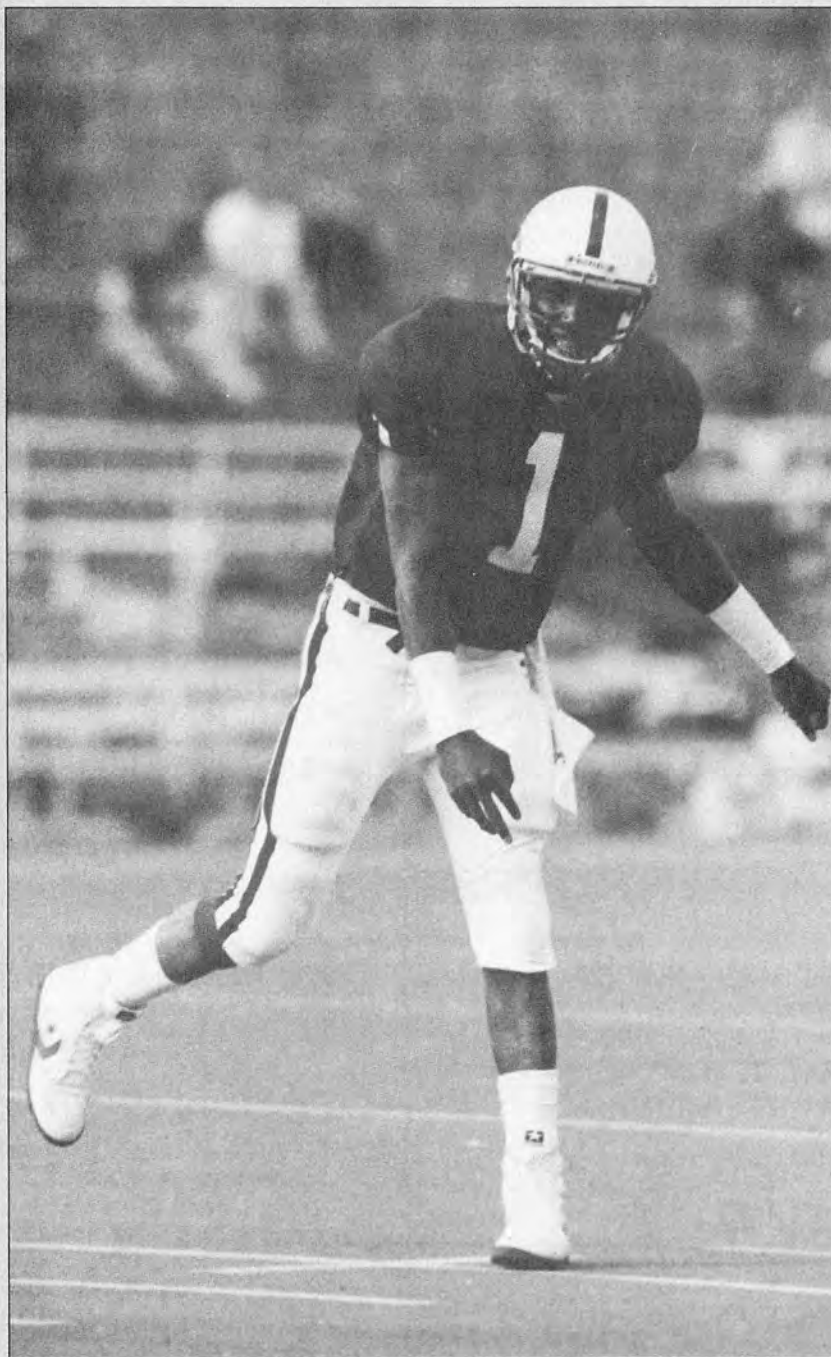
"I figure I weigh 200 pounds and the defensive backs weigh about 175, so if I lower my head and do the hitting, I should get some yards," he said.

NU coach Tom Osborne said he was impressed with Grant's running ability as well as his play selection.

"Mike has come a long way this spring and he still has a number of things to learn, but he's doing very well and he had a very good spring game," he said.

After the two teams battled to a 21-all tie at the half, Grant led two scoring drives with his shifty running and two short passes. Combined with the running of Scott Baldwin and Andre McDuffy, Grant tore through the No. 1 defense for 111 yards in the third quarter to give the White team a commanding lead.

"I was feeling pretty confident because I think I know the offense pretty well now," Grant said. "I think I can go into next fall's practices and learn some more from the two great athletes in front of me (Mickey Joseph and Gerry Gdowski). And if Coach Osborne



**Mike Grant**

thinks I'm ready, he'll give me a shot. That's all I want."

Grant admitted he was a little too excited at the start of the spring game to be completely effective at quarterback.

"I settled down and realized that

the first drive and threw an interception to stop the second drive. Meanwhile, the Reds built up a 14-0 lead.

"Once I got over that, and once we got the defense playing the pass all the time and they started drop-

with the freshman team," Grant said. "But now, you have to time your patterns and throw it before they break, because the defenders can pick it off before you know it.

"Playing with the varsity you learn that everything is just a lot faster than anything you're used to in a game. It wasn't as bad for me by the end of spring practices as it was in the beginning, but I'm still getting used to all that speed."

NU No. 1 quarterback Gerry Gdowski said he was impressed with Grant.

"He's a big, strong kid who can run and throw the ball. I know when we come back in the fall he's definitely going to get a good look."

Grant said he hopes that's the case. "I'd hate to sit a year as No. 3 and not play much. So I'm putting everything into my effort in the fall." ■

**"He's a big, strong kid who can run and throw the ball. I know when we come back in the fall he's definitely going to get a good look." — Gerry Gdowski**

this was just a game — like any football game — with bigger people and faster people, but still people who wear pads just like I do. After I got that straight in my mind, I got a lot more done," he said.

Grant ran for 24 and 11 yards on his first two carries of the game, but threw an interception to stall

ping off, we were able to get the run options going. That's when we got moving," he said.

Grant only completed four of 12 passes for 20 yards, compared to his 19 of 40 passes and seven TDs for the freshmen last fall.

"I could just throw the ball and not worry too much about timing

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# Cool- Hand Kent

When Kent Wells is under control, he has foes over a barrel.

By Paul Hammel

**S**talking the sidelines during spring football practice, you couldn't help noticing the muscular man in the black T-shirt.

Tall, about 6-foot-5, the size of an oil tanker, about 285 to 290 pounds, he carried the perfect frame for a defensive tackle at the University of Nebraska. His greased-up crew cut and scraggly goatee gave him the appearance of a meatpacker working a double shift: a little mean, a lot no-nonsense.

And then the T-shirt: on the front was a Happy Face. But this symbol of benign joy is marred by a blood-dripping, bullet hole in the middle of the forehead.

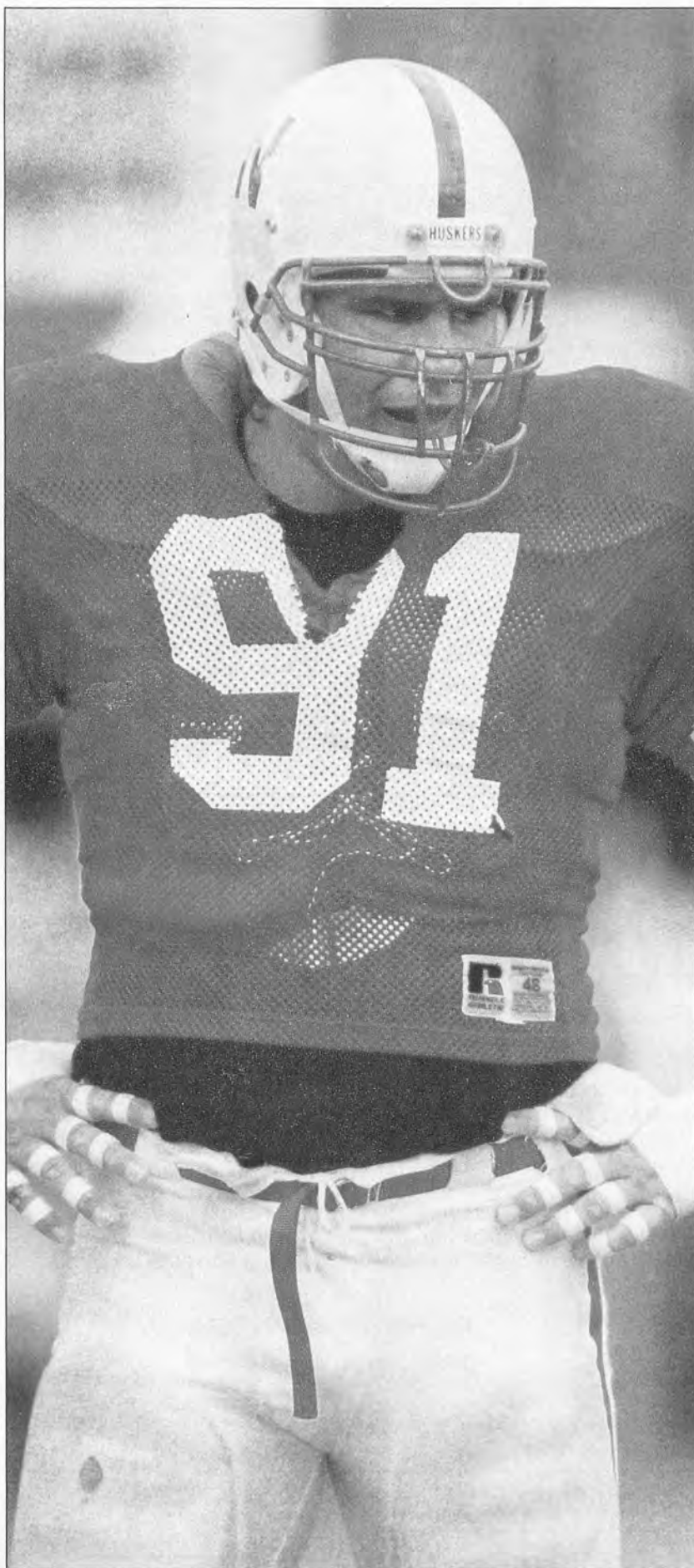
Yep, it's Kent Wells all right.

"I just had to have it," he said, when he saw it in a Lincoln clothing store. "I just liked it because it was just neat to me, and it was funny in a way. I just had to have it to wear under my shoulder pads."

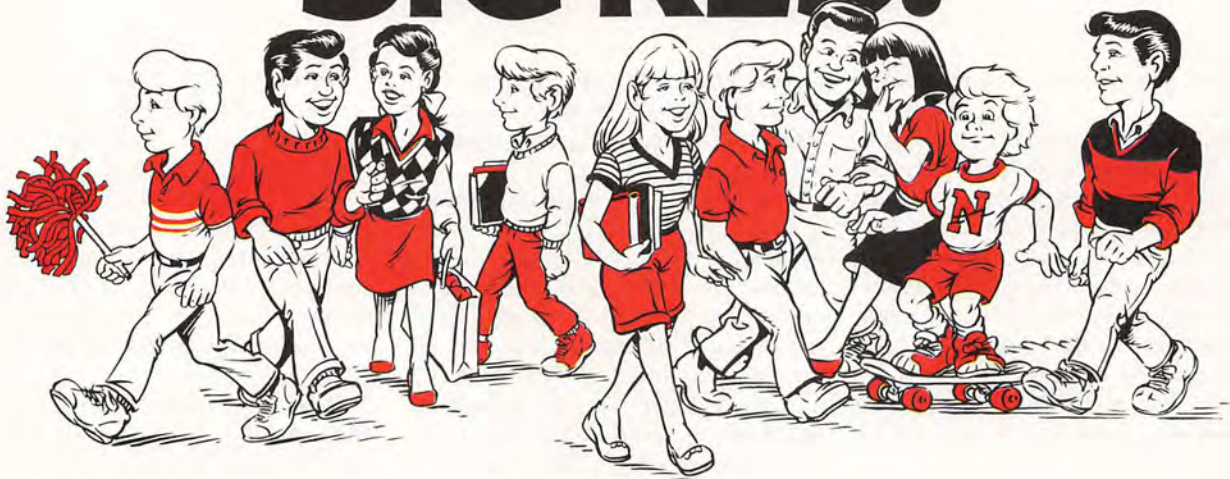
So what would you expect from a guy who prefers head-banging Motley Crue music cranked to the level of jet engine noise? An Amy Grant shirt?

But there's another side to this hard-rockin' trench warrior.

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to know he's mellowed . . . at least off the field.

His off-season problems are behind him and his grades are coming around. Arthroscopic surgery in mid-March has eliminated a knee problem that slowed him on and off last season. After recovering from the surgery and rejoining practice Wells had missed a couple of workouts, but that's because he didn't want to drop a Wednesday afternoon child development lab on East Campus supervising eight 3- to 5-year-olds for three hours.

"I really look forward to going to Wednesday labs, I think the kids look forward to it, too," he said. "I didn't want to switch. Then I'd get a totally new group of kids."

Wells wants people to regard him as

a wild and crazy guy who did some dumb things when he was younger but grew up in college. Respect is what he's after.

Wells took some big strides toward gaining that respect last year, helping anchor a rebuilt line in a once-unsettled defense that allowed only a field goal in its last two games and limited Oklahoma's vaunted rushing attack to just eight first downs and 98 yards rushing.

It was a matter of respect against Oklahoma, too, Wells said. The defensive line had received a lot of criticism throughout the year. The three starters in fall camp were replaced by noseguard Lawrence Pete, tackle Willie Griffin and Wells by mid season. Still, opposing players and coaches were talking about Nebraska's "soft" interior line.

"When the coaches start talking about you, that's absolutely no respect," said Wells. "We went down there to gain respect . . . and it felt really good."

The trio logged 19 tackles between them, including five for losses. Wells had three for losses of 16 yards, including a bone-crushing tackle on OU quarterback Charles Thompson that culminated the defensive-dominated, 7-3 Nebraska victory.

Defensive coordinator Charlie McBride, who coaches the defense, said the Oklahoma game gave Wells a lot of confidence.

"He opened some eyes up around the world as to what kind of player he is," said McBride. "He's the kind of kid who's got potential to be as good as he wants to be. He could be as good a defensive lineman as we've had here."

"He could be a first-round draft choice if he wants to be, and get his degree and do everything you'd want a college player to accomplish. That's going to be up to him."

There was a time when Wells wasn't viewed as a football prospect, and later, a period when he was being shipped from position to position faster than an overnight express-mail package.

His high school coach, Lee Zentic of Lincoln East, said Wells' evaluation as a freshman football player was as poor as he'd ever seen. "He won't amount to anything; he abuses everybody; he'll never make it," was the line.

But Wells wasn't like that at all, said Zentic. He slaved in the weight room, establishing records that still stand, and made sacrifices for the team, playing offensive line in short-yardage situations or when the regular East blockers were injured.

"Sometimes we had to use him on offense quite a bit," said Zentic. "He wasn't afraid to jump in and help where he could."

But defense was where he helped most, and by the time he was a senior, he was an all-stater at defensive tackle. He had also thrown the shot-put 63 feet, 7 inches (then the third-best boys' put in history) and won a gold medal in the state event.

At Nebraska, he took a roundabout trip to defensive tackle. As a freshman, he played offensive tackle; as a redshirt



**The Black Shirts got stronger in '88 after Wells became a starter.**

sophomore, noseguard; early in his third season, he was switched to left defensive tackle before finding a home at right tackle last fall as a junior.

Wells' development was hurt by the changes, said McBride. "When he came back out the fall of his sophomore year it was like he didn't know anything — it was like starting all over again."

It takes a good year and a half to learn the techniques and system of the defensive line, McBride said. Initially, Wells was more worried about making mistakes than going all out, and was more interested in manhandling his blocker than finding the football.

"It took him a year to find out where he was. Once he started feeling comfortable, he really came on," McBride said. "That's what happens to a lot of kids. They start recognizing things better."

After sharing the top job with Paul Brungardt, Wells claimed the starting spot for himself in Nebraska's final five games and played major roles in victories over Missouri, Colorado and Oklahoma.

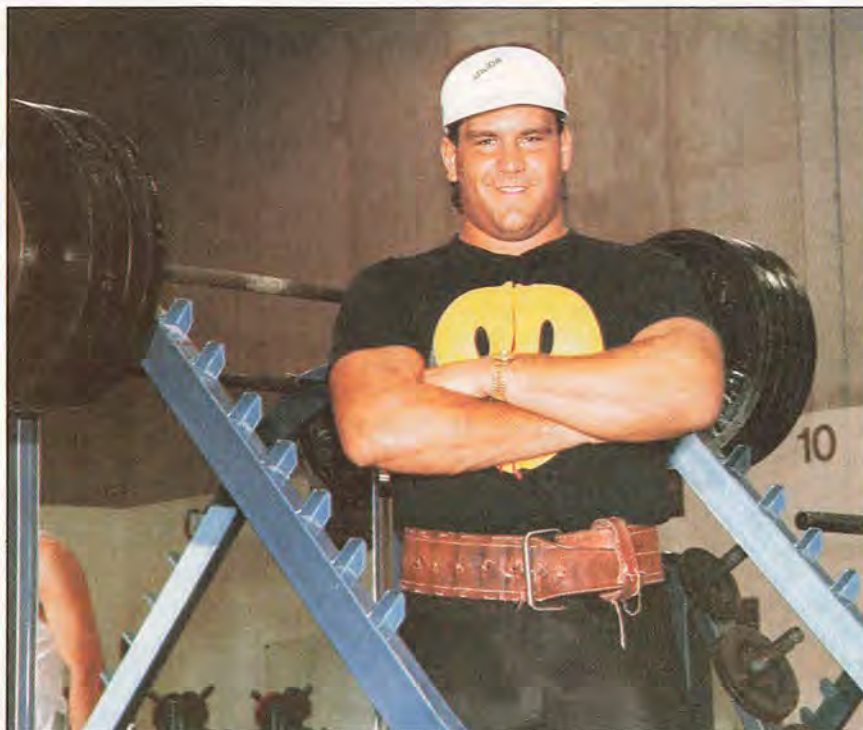
Said Wells, "I just started going 150 percent and didn't worry about making mistakes, because they're going to happen, but tried to make up for them with effort, and just flat-out mash some people."

McBride said Wells has all the attributes you want in a defensive lineman — size, speed, quickness, strength and, now, the understanding of his job and capabilities.

"He used to just try to muscle guys. He wasn't even aware of where the football was," McBride said. "It's almost like being a quarterback, you have to see the entire field."

And, McBride added, Wells possesses what many of Nebraska's great defensive linemen possessed, like Neil Smith, Rod Horn and Bill Barnett: "He's a great off-season worker. Kent seldom misses a workout, and that goes year 'round. That's one thing that made those guys what they are: they all continued to work no matter what. That takes a lot of self-motivation, and Kent happens to be one of the players who has that."

But perhaps his greatest quality is a head-banging aggressiveness, the kind that Wells draws from pregame locker room jam sessions on his boom box. "I



**Wells' raw power produced a Big Eight shot-put title this spring.**

always make sure I have fresh batteries so I can crank mine the loudest," said Wells.

His high spirits also got him in some trouble during his sophomore year. Part of the problem was that Wells wasn't playing. McBride said he also wasn't going to put up with the shenanigans. "So he didn't get the opportunities. I think he realized what he had and finally decided he was going to do what was right. He's been relatively trouble-free and doing well in school since," McBride said.

Wells seconds that assessment. He's calmer off the field, except when he's horsing around with buddy Mark Hagge while pitching hay bales on Hagge's family's ranch near Gretna.

"I've grown up a lot since I was younger," said Wells. "Ever since I've had some success on the field I haven't really had any problems off the field. If anything would happen, I'd just walk away. I know I'm better than that."

"And now we're taking the next step. Next year will be a big year."

For many reasons. Nebraska's defense has some spots of inexperience, and the leadership supplied by seasoned players like Wells could make the difference,

McBride said.

Wells said he wants the defensive unit to go into fall drills as a unified "family." Last year's early defensive uncertainty took most of the year to iron out.

"It'll be just like last year, they'll say we're going to be soft up front. But me, Mikey (Murray) and Joe (Sims), we'll be able to prove 'em wrong. We'll have a tough bunch up front, maybe as good or better than last year."

Wells said he was disappointed that it's taken him this long to become a Cornhusker starter. He said pulling a hamstring before the 1989 Orange Bowl game and being able to play at only about 50 percent was his most disappointing game, but that the off-season surgery should solve that problem.

Wells said he is looking forward to the 1989 season and later making a bid at pro football. He'd like to get his degree and work with children if it doesn't work out.

And Wells wants people to know that even though he'll be wearing a bloodied Happy Face under his uniform and psyching up with head-banging hard-rock, he deserves respect this season — on and off the field. ■

# Once More, With Gusto

COLORADO AND OU ARE DANGEROUS, BUT NEBRASKA'S GOT THE TALENT TO TAKE THE BIG EIGHT AGAIN.

By Mark Owens

**O**n paper — that's where championships are analyzed but never won.

The Big Eight, on paper, appears to be tightening slightly at the top in 1989 as the league has its least cut-and-dried preseason outlook of the decade.

Nothing earth-shattering, mind you, because Oklahoma and Nebraska are still loaded with talent and still favored to win the conference title. However, Colorado has one of its best teams since the mid-1970s, returning 17 starters from last year's 8-4 Freedom Bowl squad. It's expected the Buffs will field a solid defense, which gives Coach Bill McCartney a better chance at dethroning the Huskers and Sooners than Oklahoma State had last year when the Cowboys were offensively plump but defensively anorexic.

In 1988 showdowns with the Big Reds, defensive collapses overshadowed some otherwise fine performances by the Cowboy offense. Meanwhile, Colorado played both Oklahoma and Nebraska even closer (losing by a combined 10 points) because of its stout defense which held OU and Nebraska to a total of 24 points.

The last time O-State seriously threatened the Big Reds was 1984, which was the last time Coach Pat Jones had a great defense.

Even though the Poke defense should be vastly improved this year, it wouldn't appear to be enough to keep Oklahoma State in the Top 20 and in a position to

realistically challenge for the Big Eight title.

While Colorado creeps upward and Oklahoma State slips slightly, the whole league is in motion.

For the eighth straight year, there has been at least one coaching change in the Big Eight. Bob Stull takes the reins at Missouri and Bill Snyder takes over at Kansas State. It's debatable whether or not this is a positive or a negative. But

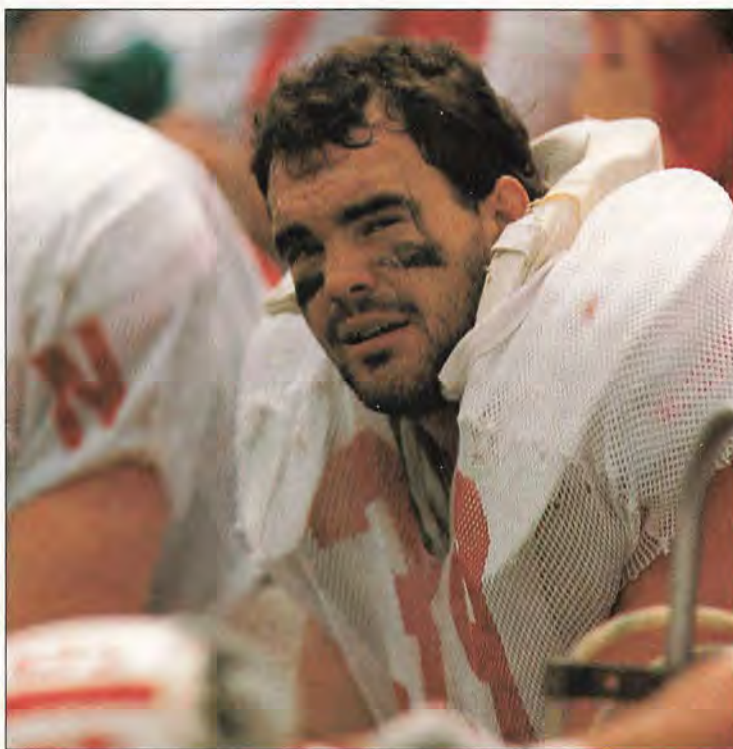
realistically both schools can look back and say they "bottomed out" last year and ought to be pointing in the right direction for 1989. Missouri's long-term tradition is as a Big Eight winner, and the resources are available in Columbia to return the Tiger program to respectability, perhaps quickly.

Kansas State, of course, has more limited resources, a handicap that will keep any progress at a slower pace. Last

year's 0-11 record is a disappointment even by Wildcat football standards, especially in light of several close games that easily could have fallen into the K-State win column. Previously, Snyder was an assistant coach at Big Ten power Iowa, where winning bred more winning. Already blessed with a sprinkling of talent, the Wildcats could respond to new and realistically tempered enthusiasm with more than a couple of wins.

A conference point of pride, however, is in jeopardy. Following the 1988 football season, the Big Eight sent four teams into bowl action — Nebraska to the Orange, Oklahoma to

the Citrus, Oklahoma State to the Holiday and Colorado to the Freedom. It marked the 14th straight year and 18th time in 20 seasons that the Big Eight sent at least three teams into bowl competition. However, with Oklahoma State and Oklahoma ineligible for postseason games, the league would appear — on paper — to be hard-pressed to extend that streak to 15 straight. Colorado and



**The Huskers and linebacker Mark Hagge are looking tough in '89.**

Nebraska look promising as bowl prospects, but a third candidate would likely have to be either Missouri or Iowa State, unless something monumental happens in Lawrence and Manhattan.

But it's possible the Big Eight could sneak in that unlikely third bowl team because of a stark contrast to recent years: non-conference schedules throughout the league feature fewer tough opponents. Only five 1988 bowl teams appear on Big Eight schedules (just five times) in 1989, compared to last year when league teams faced 11 different bowl teams a total of 13 times.

Four teams — KU, KSU, OU and Nebraska — don't face a 1988 bowl participant in non-conference play; this can be deceiving, though, because some big-name programs still dot their slates. In fact, the killer matchups seem to be monopolized by Missouri, which must play Indiana, Miami and Arizona State on consecutive weekends. So, if the Tigers can split their four non-conference games and just go 4-3 in the Big Eight, a bowl might invite a 6-5 Missouri with a strong following of appreciative fans who've endured five straight losing seasons since former coach Warren Powers had Mizzou rocking in the late '70s and early '80s.

Another sign of change in the Big Eight is the ever-so-slight movement toward more passing. OU's using plenty of I-formation, Colorado abandoned the Wishbone last year for a more tailback-oriented attack, plus Missouri and Nebraska hint at throwing a tad more. Last year, the Big Eight had four teams (OU, NU, CU and OSU) rank in the national Top 10 in rushing yardage per game. This year, "balance" has become a fashionable offensive concept among the league's traditional run-oriented programs, although it's still likely the Big Eight will field some of the top rushing teams in America.

Naturally, the Big Eight has lost some of its glamour with the departure of Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State, but the league seems to have several players with preseason Heisman momentum: running backs Ken Clark of Nebraska and Eric Bienie-my of Colorado plus Oklahoma State quarterback Mike Gundy as a longshot. But after Sanders skyrocketed out of

relative obscurity in 1988 to win the nation's top individual award, even the most unheralded of the Big Eight's young stars can't be counted out.

Looking at the race, Colorado would appear to be as tough a challenger as the Big Reds have faced in perhaps as many as 20 years of preseason head-scratching. Oklahoma State has the makings of a winning team — on paper — but it will be hard to judge the loss of Sanders, first-round draftee Hart Lee Dykes and its entire starting offensive line until the Cowboys perform on the

field.

Missouri and Iowa State could finish over .500 and add depth to a league that recently has taken poundings from media critics for its lack of parity. Plus, Kansas and Kansas State look to improve.

Overall, Colorado could make the league race interesting, while the Huskers and Sooners are good enough to make the national championship race interesting if their young but talented teams are as good on the field as they appear on paper. ■

## CHASING THE HUSKERS IN '89

1. **NEBRASKA:** After winning the Big Eight title last year with a strong senior class, the Huskers look to challenge for conference and national titles with youngsters who may actually have their best years ahead of them. And considering OU's youth, the Big Eight's looking even better for 1990.

2. **OKLAHOMA:** Barry Switzer has changed offenses but not defenses, and defense has probably done more for OU's success the last five years than the more highly publicized Wishbone. Admittedly thin in numbers, the Sooners still have the front-line athletes to compete with anyone, anywhere.

3. **COLORADO:** The Buffs will field about as many players of all-star caliber as any team in the league, giving Coach Bill McCartney his best team of his seven-year career in Boulder. But it'll be tough. The Sooners get Colorado in Norman, and the Huskers still remember CU's 1986 upset in Boulder.

4. **OKLAHOMA STATE:** The Cowboy defense will be much improved in 1989, but that's to be expected after coming off a season in which the Pokes ranked No. 97 among 104 Division I teams in total defense. Even with drastic improvement, it won't be enough to offset the loss of Sanders and Dykes.

5. **MISSOURI:** Coach Bob Stull worked minor miracles at UTEP, where the recent football tradition has been one of losing in grand style. Because the Tigers have more resources than UTEP ever dreamed of, Stull's sitting pretty at a school where the athletic cupboard is anything but bare.

6. **IOWA STATE:** Still struggling against scholarship limits that leave the Cyclones well below the 95-grant ceiling, Coach Jim Walden has nonetheless made steady improvement in two years. In his first season, Walden had a team picked in preseason for the cellar. Those days are long gone.

7. **KANSAS:** Coach Glen Mason proved in his first year that the Jayhawk program was going to be built on discipline. Some players quit because of the hard-nosed Mason, but Kansas also played strikingly error-free ball in response to his leadership. Having recruited well, KU is on the mend.

8. **KANSAS STATE:** There has to be a glimmer of new hope in Manhattan. Looking at the precedent Bob Stull set while turning around UTEP, Wildcat fans can see that even the most far-fetched dreams can come true. Coach Bill Snyder, however, will need a couple of years of patience for it to happen here.

# OKLAHOMA SOONERS

## Thin, But Hungry for a Title

**T**he burning question at Oklahoma was not answered in spring practice. No one surfaced from an inexperienced pack of quarterbacks to become the starter or clear-cut favorite to start, as Steve Davis did in 1973, the last time the Sooners had to depend on a rookie quarterback to open a season.

Admittedly, Davis led OU to a 32-1-1 record over three seasons as a starter, but he was also surrounded by unprecedented talent. From 1973-75 Oklahoma produced 14 All-Americans; Davis wasn't one of them.

Still, Davis was a good passer, which at first blush appears to be more than can be said about OU's youngish quarterbacks in 1989.

"We throw the ball into the ground too much," said Coach Barry Switzer. "We're just not completing a high percentage of passes despite using plays that are designed to be high-percentage passes."

OU's passes now fall into the high-percentage category because Switzer and the Sooners have switched from the Wishbone to the Power-I in an effort to diversify the offensive attack and better use I-back Mike Gaddis (more on him later). It's not that OU will now throw 20 times a game, it's just that there is a pressing need to take heat off the quarterback and keep defenses from keying on just one part of the Sooner attack.

The one part that gets the most media attention is quarterback, where Chris Melson (5-11, 190, so.), Steve Collins (6-2, 180, fr.) and Tink Collins (5-10, 170, fr.) are in a dead heat. (The two Collins are redshirt freshmen but not related.) Steve Collins appeared to be the best equipped physically to direct the new offense, but he trailed Melson on savvy and Tink on fluid movement.

The scrambled nature of the picture

was illustrated by a third redshirt freshman, Otis Taylor. He was moved to wingback the last week of practice, because at 5-8 he was considered too short to be an effective passer. However, his all-around skills were such that with 4 more inches he would probably have been ranked No. 1.

At best, the Sooners almost certainly will not be representative at quarterback. This should not, however, necessarily keep Oklahoma from having a representative won-lost record. They will surround the new quarterback (who most likely will not be chosen until August) with deluxe running backs and improved receivers and blockers. And, the offense may be complemented by an improved defense.

OU has shaped its revised offense around the 1988 experience of Notre Dame. Tony Rice of the Irish had so-so

passing ability, but defenses were forced to cover the entire field during Notre Dame's national championship drive when Rice was hitting blockbuster completions. Rice was a success as a passer because of his ability to improvise and run.

Oklahoma's three quarterbacks have these same qualities. Each Collins is exceptionally fast.

Switzer is convinced the formation change is in OU's best interest: "We broke more runners into the open field this spring than any spring practice I can recall. It was because this offense spreads out the defense and keeps them from locking in on us."

Heading into his 17th season, Switzer is comfortable with the long-term philosophical change and short-term benefit it brings after returning starter Charles Thompson was arrested on cocaine charges last winter. "With an inexperienced quarterback, we are definitely doing the right thing," Switzer says. "He won't have to carry the ball as much, and he won't have to read the triple option. We will still run a lot of option, but it will be pre-determined and in situations where we have a chance to make big plays."

OU's chief big-play threat will be Gaddis (6-2, 205, so.), called the best back in the conference by Sooner coaches. In 1988, Gaddis rushed for 516 yards and three touchdowns to win Big Eight Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

But OU has other weapons.

Fullback Leon Perry (6-1, 225, sr.) returns after rushing for 546 yards and seven TDs. Still, the most pleasant development of spring was the blooming of Kenyon Rasheed (6-0, 230, fr.), heralded 1988 recruit who blocks like a guard and has the hands and light-footed moves of a halfback. Rasheed was so



**Chris Melson has a slight lead at quarterback.**

impressive that Perry, who missed spring practice while recovering from foot surgery, will be hard-pressed to regain his starting job.

Wingback Ted Long (5-11, 187, so.) of Waco, Texas, is a potential big-play threat at the other backfield position. Long spent last fall in the secondary as OU scrambled to fill holes. Still, he starred at halfback two springs ago.

The receiving problems of last year eased up as split end Artie Guess (5-11, 190, jr.) caught six touchdown passes in the last two Sooner scrimmages, hinting that he may be ready to arrive. Previously, he had been disappointing. And Adrian Cooper (6-6, 250, jr.) convinced OU coaches that the zero receiving production at tight end in 1988 will not be repeated. Cooper was moved from defensive end after the third game last year and this spring displayed more than modest improvement. He's no Keith Jackson, but Switzer feels he'll be a solid receiver.

The most improved area for OU should be the offensive line, simply because the starters were healthy and could concentrate on improving their pass blocking instead of having to learn new positions.

Merv Johnson, offensive line coach, thought tackles Terron Manning (6-2, 290, jr.) and Mark VanKeirsbilck (6-2, 270, sr.) had outstanding springs. Both are returning starters, and Switzer hints that Manning could become the best he's ever had in the offensive line before he's through. An ideal physical specimen for a running team, Manning was second-team All-Big Eight last fall.

Both Manning and VanKeirsbilck should be honors candidates in '88. Interestingly, both could also play guard if backups Jerry Crafts (6-7, 330, jr.), Harold Jones (6-4, 275, jr.) and Brandon Houston (6-5, 250, fr.) are judged better at their positions than starting guards Mike Sawatzky (6-2, 265, jr.) and Larry Medice (6-4, 290, jr.) are at theirs.

Sawatzky is fairly solid, but Medice was pressed by two teammates. Both Medice and Sawatzky are returning starters.

Center looks solid with Mike Wise (6-6, 270, sr.) securing the starting job he took over last fall when all-



**Mike Wise (65) started nine games last year.**

conference Bob Latham was injured in the first game. Latham barely recovered in time to play the Huskers, but Sooner coaches have wondered if that wasn't a mistake because Latham had not yet gotten into playing shape, while Wise had previously played well.

"I feel better about our offense now than I did last year because our line is so much better," said offensive coordinator Jim Donnan.

Defensively, the Sooners return seven starters and appear to be very talented, albeit very thin.

Off-season trouble hurt the secondary as cornerbacks Jerry Parks and Lonnie Finch left the team. Parks was dismissed after shooting a teammate in the athletic dorm, and Finch flunked out.

Safeties Ken McMichel (6-1, 210, sr.) and Kevin Thompson (5-11, 195, sr.) were switched to corner. Thompson led the league in interceptions last year with six and was named second-team All-Big Eight.

Terry Ray (6-2, 180, so.) was impressive at free safety this spring before a

foot injury clouded his status. With only six defensive backs on scholarship, OU returned Thompson to safety the final week of spring practice. If Ray is unable to play, Thompson would stay there, and Charles Franks (6-0, 175, so.) would start at corner.

"We obviously need backup help in the secondary from incoming freshmen," said defensive coordinator Gary Gibbs.

The defensive line went through spring without noseguard Dante Williams (6-2, 265, sr.) and end James Goode (6-4, 235, jr.), as they sat out with injuries (pulled hamstring and hand surgery, respectively). Their absence underscored the defense's shallowness, made worse when backup noseguard Tyrone Rodgers left the team in anticipation of transferring.

The luckless but gifted Goode is expected to be fit and ready for an overdue blooming in the fall. He played with a cast on his left hand all of 1988 but still managed 78 total tackles and seven sacks, second-best in the Big Eight.

If Williams recovers and regains his form of 1987 (second-team All-Big Eight), Gibbs said, "We have a chance to be good on defense."

Gibbs' belief is based on an assumption that OU's tackles and linebackers will play better than they did in 1988, especially the linebackers.

If Williams is unable to perform at a starting level, tackle Tom Backes (6-5,

276, jr.) will probably move to noseguard and Stacey Dillard (6-7, 275, so.) will move up at tackle, opposite All-Big Eight Scott Evans (6-3, 251, jr.).

Evans gets Switzer's vote as the best down-lineman in the conference and one of the best in America. He had 66 total tackles last year and 13 for losses, including seven quarterback sacks. Depth, however, is a concern, and the hope is

that highly touted Brian Brauninger (6-5, 257, so.) has overcome his injury bug.

Sooner coaches feel that Dillard is on the verge of becoming an outstanding player.

At linebacker, returning starter Frank Blevins (6-4, 228, jr.) and part-time starter Chris Wilson (6-3, 227, so.) improved in the spring while being pressed by redshirt freshman Reggie Barnes (6-2, 200,) and juco transfer Keith Traylor (6-3, 245, jr.).

"I love Barnes, and Traylor is a big, fast (4.6) guy who might be a dominant player," Switzer said.

Gibbs was more reserved. "We don't have anybody who is going to make the impact that Brian Bosworth and Dante Jones did in their first year," he said. "But Barnes has a chance to be a good player because of his speed. We will play all four of the linebackers."

At defensive end, Tracy Gordon (6-3, 234, sr.) and Wayne Dickson (6-4, 240, sr.) alternated last year on the left side, and Gordon got a chance to play with the first-team in the spring on the right side while Goode was out. Sooner coaches think he might dislodge Dickson in the fall, giving OU great depth at the end positions.

Depth, however, is not a plentiful commodity. The Sooners abandoned their traditional Red-White spring game



**If healthy, Dante Williams (98) will solidify the OU defense.**

## SOONER QUICK STATS

- Last year OU was No. 4 nationally in rushing offense but No. 102 in passing.
- OU is No. 4 in all-time winning percentage nationally at .723.
- Since 1970, OU is 169-28-5 in the Wishbone and 15-6 in the I-formation.
- The Sooners enter a season on a two-game losing streak for on the 12th time.
- OU has been in the AP Top 20 in 232 of 247 weeks under Switzer.

## SOONERS TO WATCH

**LEON PERRY**, fullback, 6-1, 223, sr.  
**KEVIN THOMPSON**, strong safety, 5-11, 191, sr.  
**MIKE GADDIS**, running back, 6-2, 205, so.  
**TERRON MANNING**, offensive tackle, 6-2, 290, jr.  
**MARK VANKEIRSBILCK**, offensive tackle, 6-2, 270, sr.  
**SCOTT EVANS**, defensive tackle, 6-3, 251, jr.

## COACH'S QUOTE

**"I thought we would have one of the best offensive lines around a year ago, but injuries forced us to mix-and-match all year."**

**— Barry Switzer**

because coaches felt there weren't enough players to adequately break the squad into separate teams. Only about 70 scholarship players were available this spring. "Boy, we are thin," lamented Switzer. "This is the thinnest we've been in years."

If quarterback questions remain unanswered next season, OU's kicking game will undoubtedly receive extra pressure. Switzer has always been an advocate of defense and special teams, but the 1988 Sooners (and the entire Big Eight for that matter) were starkly anemic on returns. Last year OU ranked 86th in the nation in punt returns (5.7 yards) and 102nd in kickoff returns (15.2 yards). In contrast, the Sooners of 1987 ranked in the NCAA's Top 20 in both categories. The reason behind the dropoff is murky, but it remains clear that OU will suffer if it gets a repeat of last year's pedestrian offense combined with weak kick returns.

Kick coverage was solid in Norman last year, but the Sooners must use an inexperienced punter this fall, possibly a redshirt freshman or walkon.

Kicker R.D. Lashar should be solid even though his 1988 stats weren't impressive; he didn't get many chances to kick.

The Sooner schedule in 1989 is three-quarters mystifying. New Mexico State in the opener is over-matched, yet OU must then face Top 20 Arizona, 6-5 Baylor and 4-7 Texas, which may prove toughest of all. Arizona is the second game (in Tucson), and the burning questions of spring — who will play quarterback and how good will he be? — will be brought to a head. Other than New Mexico State, any of the non-conference foes could end up in a bowl. None would appear to be in OU's class, but none appear to be push-overs either.

As Switzer puts it: "Before we lost Charles Thompson, I thought we would have a good chance to be 10-0 going to Nebraska. We still might be 10-0 when we play Nebraska. But there are going to be some toss-up games. We might win, but they will be close. It's going to be different from what has been going on the last few years."

Or from what was going on in 1973-75. ■

## 1988 RECORD (9-3)

28	at North Carolina	0
28	Arizona	10
7	at USC	23
35	Iowa State	7
28	Texas at Dallas	13
70	Kansas State	24
17	at Colorado	14
63	at Kansas	14
31	at Oklahoma State	28
16	at Missouri	7
3	Nebraska	7
6	Clemson (Citrus Bowl)	13

## FINGERTIP FACTS

**Head Coach:** Barry Switzer (entering his 17th year at Oklahoma)

**Lettermen returning:** 40 (22 offense, 17 defense, 1 specialist)

**Lettermen lost:** 18 (11 offense, 6 defense, 1 specialist)

**Offensive starters returning:** 8

**Defensive starters returning:** 7

**1988 Big Eight finish:** 2nd, 6-1

**Predicted 1989 finish:** 2nd

## 1989 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	New Mexico St.	(1-10)
Sept. 9	Baylor	(6-5)
Sept. 16	at Arizona	(7-4)
Sept. 30	at Kansas	(1-10)
Oct. 7	Oklahoma St.	(10-2)
Oct. 14	Texas at Dallas	(4-7)
Oct. 21	at Iowa St.	(5-6)
Oct. 28	Colorado	(8-4)
Nov. 4	Missouri	(3-7-1)
Nov. 11	Kansas St.	(0-11)
Nov. 18	at Nebraska	(11-2)

(1988 record)

## SPRING DEPTH CHART

### OFFENSE

<b>TE</b>	<b>Adrian Cooper</b>	6-6	250	jr.
	Pete Schmitt	6-3	243	fr.
<b>LT</b>	<b>Terron Manning</b>	6-2	292	jr.
	Brandon Houston	6-5	250	fr.
<b>LG</b>	<b>Mike Sawatzky</b>	6-2	264	jr.
	Jeff Miller	6-1	265	jr.
<b>C</b>	<b>Mike Wise</b>	6-6	270	sr.
	Randy Wallace	6-4	256	so.
<b>RG</b>	Larry Medice	6-4	290	jr.
	or Mark Blodgett	6-3	270	so.
<b>RT</b>	<b>Mark VanKeirsbilck</b>	6-2	270	sr.
	Jerry Crafts	6-7	332	so.
<b>SE</b>	<b>Eric Bross</b>	6-2	194	sr.
	Artie Guess	5-11	190	jr.
<b>QB</b>	Chris Melson	5-11	189	so.
	or Steve Collins	6-2	180	fr.
	or Tink Collins	5-10	180	fr.
<b>TB</b>	<b>Mike Gaddis</b>	6-2	205	so.
	Rod Fisher	6-1	185	so.
<b>FB</b>	<b>Leon Perry</b>	6-1	223	sr.
	Kenyon Rasheed	6-0	232	fr.
<b>WB</b>	Ted Long	5-11	187	so.
	Chris Cabiness	6-3	200	jr.

### DEFENSE

<b>LE</b>	<b>Wayne Dickson</b>	6-4	240	sr.
	Tracy Gordon	6-3	234	sr.
<b>LT</b>	Tom Backes	6-5	276	jr.
	Stacey Dillard	6-7	275	so.
<b>NG</b>	<b>Dante Williams</b>	6-2	265	sr.
	Darrell Kirby	6-4	280	jr.
<b>RT</b>	<b>Scott Evans</b>	6-3	251	jr.
	Mike Filson	6-5	265	fr.
<b>RE</b>	<b>James Goode</b>	6-4	233	jr.
	Trey Tippens	6-5	215	fr.
<b>WLB</b>	Chris Wilson	6-3	227	so.
	Reggie Barnes	6-2	200	fr.
<b>SLB</b>	<b>Frank Blevins</b>	6-4	228	jr.
	Keith Traylor	6-3	245	jr.
<b>LC</b>	<b>Ken McMichel</b>	6-1	208	sr.
	Melvin Carter	5-10	165	fr.
<b>FS</b>	Terry Ray	6-2	180	so.
	Lance Swanson	6-2	200	so.
<b>SS</b>	Greg DeQuasie	5-11	194	so.
	Jason Belser	5-10	170	so.
<b>RC</b>	<b>Kevin Thompson</b>	5-11	191	sr.
	Charles Franks	6-0	175	so.

(returning starters in bold)

## SOONER OUTLOOK

**STRENGTHS:** Offensive and defensive fronts. . . running backs.

**WEAKNESSES:** Inexperience at quarterback, depth at linebacker and in the secondary.

**KEYS TO SUCCESS:** Development of a quarterback, improved offense with a better passing game.

# KANSAS JAYHAWKS

## Young, But Improving

**P**once de Leon came to Florida in search of the mythical Fountain of Youth. If the conquistador were alive today, he might have to look no further in his quest than Lawrence, Kan.

Second-year head coach Glen Mason will welcome back 39 returning lettermen from last year's squad that went 1-10 overall and 1-6 in Big Eight action. Of those 39 lettermen, 22 were either true freshmen or redshirt freshmen. Add to that another 10 freshman redshirts who will make their debut this fall and you see how young the 1989 Jayhawks will be.

"The strength of our team lies in the fact that we played a number of young players a year ago," said Mason. "We'll have several players returning who have that experience and that will carry over into the fall. We're by no means a veteran team, but we're still in a better position than we were a year ago."

Despite being painfully inexperienced, the Jayhawks were only penalized 40 times for 340 yards in 1988, compared to 77 times for 632 yards in '87.

The Hawks will return 16 starters from their final game of 1988, includ-

ing nine on offense and seven on defense. But, of those 16 returnees, only six are seniors.

On offense, the quarterback position will belong to senior Kelly Donohoe (6-0, 185). He is already No. 4 on Kansas' career passing charts with 3,257 yards. He ranks 20th in the Big Eight record book for career passing yardage. Backing him up will be redshirt freshman Ron Page (6-2, 195), who had an impressive spring finale, passing for 112 yards and a touchdown on nine completions.

At tailback, Tony Sands (5-9, 165, so.) and Frank Hatchett (5-10, 190, jr.) return after splitting time last year. Sands led Kansas in rushing last year with 480 yards and three scores, including a 177-yard performance against Oklahoma State (the top single-game mark for a Jayhawk freshman since 1980). For his efforts, Sands was named to the honorable-mention All-Big Eight squad. Although plagued by injuries, Hatchett accounted for 417 yards (with 112 coming against OSU) and an average of 7.1 yards per carry. Sands and Hatchett became the first KU duo since 1980 to rush for over 100 yards in the same game when they topped the century mark against the Cowboys.

The fullback position will be filled by two-year letterman Maurice Hooks (6-0, 200, jr.) and redshirt freshman David Wick (6-0, 215). Both have the ability to block well and run inside for tough yardage.

One of the keys for the Jayhawks will be the improvement of an offensive line that lost only one starter to graduation. Two-year starter Chip Budde (6-2, 265, jr.) was an honorable-mention All-Big Eight pick last year at center. Budde took first-place honors in the super heavyweight category at the National



**Quarterback Kelly Donohoe is No. 4 on the KU career passing charts.**

Collegiate Weightlifting Tournament in early March with a combined lift of 610 pounds. He is backed up by redshirt freshman Jim Holt (6-4, 240).

Starter Smith Holland (6-3, 250, so.) returns at left guard while Russ Bowen (6-3, 267, so.) is the heir apparent to the spot vacated by Dave Grattan at right guard. Second-teamer Scott Imwalle (6-2, 248) is one of the most promising redshirt freshmen in the Jayhawk camp and will back up Bowen. Chris Perez (6-6, 285, so.) and senior Bill Hundelt (6-6, 270) made considerable improvement at their tackle positions throughout 1988 and good things are expected of them this season.

Sophomores Marino Vidoli (6-2, 245) and Phil Hopper (6-6, 245) will play behind them. "Having the benefit of an offensive line that has a year's experience under its belt will be very beneficial," said Mason.

Playing tight end will be two-year starter John Baker (6-3, 230, sr.). The honorable-mention all-conference pick last year was second among league tight ends with 26 receptions (for 293 yards and two touchdowns) and currently ranks third on the Kansas career reception chart for tight ends with 53. He's 13th overall among Jayhawk receivers. Second on the spring depth chart was redshirt freshman Jason Stallman (6-3, 215), who was a major contributor in the spring and looks to stay that way when fall drills open.

One of the major tasks for Kansas will be replacing the void left by wide receiver Willie Vaughn, the career leading receiver at KU. "We'll have to seek new ways to come up with the big-play weapon with Vaughn's departure," said Mason. Jim New (6-0, 188, so.) and Rob Licursi (6-0, 200, so.) are the top candidates to replace the Hawks' deep threat, while Quintin Smith (5-11, 175, sr.) returns at the other wide-out spot with speedster Kenny Drayton (6-0, 170, so.) behind him.

Defensively, injuries decimated what was an already thin unit last fall, and depth will once again be a concern for Mason's staff. Kansas will again employ the 3-4 defense, and the Jayhawk mentor enters the fall with this attitude: "The old adage — if it ain't broke, don't fix it. If it's broke, try anything — ap-



**Deral Boykin (14) could be one of the league's best DBs.**

plies to our defense. We need to improve rapidly in this department." Mason and his staff tried quite a few things last season, but to no avail as the Hawk defense finished 104th (last) in the nation in total and scoring defense. In fact, the starting lineup for the KU defense changed every week due to injuries.

Second-half rallies let some potential KU victories slip through the Hawks' grasp last season. For example, Kansas and California were tied 14-14 at halftime, but the Bears scored 38 points after intermission to post a 52-21 victory. Against Iowa State, the Jayhawks were behind by seven at the half, but the Cyclones blew Kansas away with 21 points in the third quarter to win 42-14. In seven games, the Jayhawks were ahead or within seven points at intermission but won only one of them. The Jayhawks were outscored 258-45 in the second half in 1988. Defensive stamina will play a major role in the success of the team this season. If the KU defense doesn't hold in the second half, the chances for a respectable record will shrink considerably.

The defensive interior saw a lot of position changes last season, and the KU coaching staff plans more, having brought in some top-notch junior college players to help strengthen the middle. Defensive tackle Mike Hall (6-1, 255, jr.) and noseguard Gary Oatis (6-1, 252, jr.) from Coffeyville (Kan.) Junior College could play key roles for KU. Three regulars also return for the Jayhawks. Tackle Mark Koncz (6-3, 260, sr.) was credited with 67 tackles last season. Juniors David Gordon (6-3, 250) and Dave Walton (6-7, 245) will help solidify the middle, having played every position in the KU defensive front last year. Walkon Matt Nolen (5-9, 243, so.) and redshirt freshman Al Satches (6-1, 240) could also see considerable playing time.

At outside linebacker, Lance Flachsbarth (6-5, 235, so.) and Paul Friday (6-3, 200, so.) were impressive early last year, but both were forced to the sidelines with knee injuries before the Nebraska contest. In their place, Dan Newbrough (6-2, 228, sr.) and Jason Tyrer (6-1, 210, so.) filled in admirably.

Newbrough switched from tight end, and Tyrer started against Nebraska as a true freshman, recording 10 tackles and one for a loss of 12 yards. All four are expected to see quite a bit of playing time this season.

The Jayhawk defense suffered a critical blow when inside linebacker Curtis Moore (6-1, 232, jr.) was injured in spring practice. The second-team All-Big Eight performer will be lost for the season. In only two seasons, Moore has tallied 273 tackles and already ranks 12th on Kansas' career list. His 170 stops in 1988 led the Big Eight and was the fourth-best total in school history. Moore was also named academic all-conference last season. He will be sorely missed.

So the two inside linebacking positions are up for grabs among four players: Paul Zaffaroni (6-1, 215, so.), Brad Peebler (6-1, 214, so.), Mongo Allen (6-1, 235, so.), and Cavan Howard (6-0, 225, so.). Zaffaroni missed the final six games last year with a knee ailment. Kansas' young linebackers will have to grow up in a hurry in 1989.

Kansas' two major losses on defense were at cornerback. Sophomore Tim Hill (5-7, 155) was moved from quarterback and will look to assume one of the slots. On the other side, Doug Terry (5-11, 175, so.) returns after missing the last four games of the season with a



**John Baker should be one of the Big Eight's top tight ends.**

spinous process fracture of the neck. Before his injury, he made 70 tackles (including 15 stops on two separate occasions) and was in double figures in total tackles in four contests. Redshirt freshman Rod Martin (5-8, 200) and sophomore King Dixon (6-1, 185) will provide quality depth on the corners.

Strong safety Deral Boykin (5-10, 180, so.) is the jewel of the Kansas secondary. He was selected as AP's Big Eight Newcomer of the Year in 1988 after ranking second on the squad in tackles with 87. He was also named to the honorable-mention All-Big Eight team. Penciled in behind Boykin is junior letterman Geoff Wehrman (6-3, 190). At free safety, Jason Priest (6-0, 180, so.) enters fall drills No. 1 after starting six games for KU last year, but sophomores Percy McClendon (6-0, 180) and Jeff Zielke (6-0, 192) are expected to give Priest competition for the starting job.

Also coming back for the Jayhawks is punter B.J. Lohsen (6-3, 225, sr.), who led the conference for more than half the season and finished with a 41.0 average, earning him honorable-mention all-conference honors. Placement specialist Brad Fleeman (5-8, 164, sr.) returns after a good season, hitting on seven of nine attempts, including both of his tries from 50 yards or beyond (including a 54-yarder against cross-state rival Kansas State). Punter Trevor Wol-

## JAYHAWK QUICK STATS

- KU has had the AP Big Eight Defensive Newcomer of the Year winner two years in a row.
- KU's last winning season was 1981, when the Hawks were 8-4 and bowl-bound.
- The Jayhawks had a midseason streak of eight quarters without a penalty in '88.
- Kansas is celebrating its 100th season of football, and only 11 Division I schools have played more games.

## JAYHAWKS TO WATCH

**CHIP BUDDE**, center, 6-2, 255, jr.  
**DERAL BOYKIN**, defensive back, 5-10, 180, so.  
**DOUG TERRY**, defensive back, 5-11, 175, so.  
**KELLY DONOHUE**, quarterback, 6-0, 185, sr.  
**JOHN BAKER**, tight end, 6-3, 235, sr.

## COACH'S QUOTE

**"We're by no means a veteran team, but we're still in a better position compared to a year ago because our young players do have some experience."**

**— Glen Mason**

ford (5-10, 180) and kicker Alex Chaffetz (6-1, 185) are redshirt freshmen who could handle some kicking assignments in 1989.

The Kansas program is at a crucial stage of its existence. If the young and untested Hawks can pull off some early victories, the team may gain confidence in itself and achieve momentum for future years, on the football field and in the recruiting battles. However, if the Jayhawks suffer another "take it on the chin" season, KU may be destined to remain in the cellar for some time. Jayhawk coaches are determined to get back to basics. They speak openly and frankly about these ominous concerns.

The biggest factor in the success or failure of the squad will revolve around injuries and the general attitude of the team. Before the start of the '88 campaign, Kansas had 94 players on its roster, but as the season progressed, ailments to key players and heart-breaking losses vaporized what little confidence existed in Lawrence. Also, several players quit the team, causing some dissension. In contrast, some early wins this year might bind the Hawks together into an up-and-coming team.

The 1989 schedule might favor KU's chances of getting some confidence going into Big Eight action. The Hawks open up with three straight home games against Montana State, Louisville and Kent State (Mason's former team) before playing at Baylor. Kansas led the Bears 14-3 at halftime last year before eventually falling 27-14.

As for the Big Eight schedule, KU opens against Oklahoma and must play road games at Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado. Perhaps the most important games on the Big Eight slate will be home games against Oklahoma State and Iowa State and a road game at Manhattan. If the Hawks can go 2-1 or even 3-0 in these contests, a solid foundation for the future could be poured. However, if Kansas would go winless during this stretch, the already gray clouds surrounding the club could cause a downpour of doubt to fall in Lawrence.

This will not be the year for Kansas to go 7-4 or 8-3, but it could be the season that KU gets back on the road to respectability. ■

## 1988 RECORD (1-10)

14	Baylor	27
7	at Auburn	56
21	at California	52
29	New Mexico State	42
10	Nebraska	63
9	Colorado	21
14	at Iowa State	42
14	at Oklahoma	63
30	Kansas State	12
28	at Oklahoma State	63
17	Missouri	55

## FINGERTIP FACTS

**Head Coach:** Glen Mason (entering his second year at Kansas)

**Lettermen returning:** 39 (17 offense, 20 defense, 2 specialists)

**Lettermen lost:** 12 (6 offense, 5 defense, 1 specialist)

**Offensive starters returning:** 9

**Defensive starters returning:** 7

**1988 Big Eight finish:** 7th, 1-6

**Predicted 1989 finish:** 7th

## 1989 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Montana State	(4-7)
Sept. 9	Louisville	(8-3)
Sept. 16	Kent State	(5-6)
Sept. 23	at Baylor	(6-5)
Sept. 30	Oklahoma	(9-3)
Oct. 7	Iowa State	(5-6)
Oct. 21	at Colorado	(8-4)
Oct. 28	at Kansas State	(0-11)
Nov. 4	Okla. State	(10-2)
Nov. 11	at Nebraska	(11-2)
Nov. 18	at Missouri	(3-7-1)

(1988 record)

## SPRING DEPTH CHART

### OFFENSE

WR	<b>Quintin Smith</b>	5-11	175	sr.
	Kenny Drayton	6-0	170	so.
LT	<b>Chris Perez</b>	6-6	285	so.
	Marino Vidoli	6-2	245	so.
LG	<b>Smith Holland</b>	6-3	250	so.
	John Fritch	6-2	245	so.
C	<b>Chip Budde</b>	6-2	255	jr.
	Jim Holt	6-4	240	fr.
RG	Russ Bowen	6-3	267	so.
	Scott Imwalle	6-2	248	fr.
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	Al Satches	6-1	240	fr.
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	Brad Peebler	6-1	214	so.
ILB	Mongo Allen	6-1	235	so.
	Cavan Howard	6-0	225	so.
LC	Tim Hill	5-7	155	so.
	Rod Martin	5-8	200	fr.
FS	<b>Jason Priest</b>	6-0	180	so.
	Percy McClendon	6-0	180	so.
SS	<b>Deral Boykin</b>	5-10	197	so.
	Geoffrey Wehrman	6-3	190	jr.
RC	Doug Terry	5-11	165	so.
	King Dixon	6-1	185	so.

(returning starters in bold)

## JAYHAWK OUTLOOK

**STRENGTHS:** A total of 39 lettermen, including 16 starters are back. 22 of the returnees lettered as freshmen a year ago.

**WEAKNESSES:** Lack of depth. Improvement on defense will be a major emphasis in the spring.

**KEYS TO SUCCESS:** Kansas is in the developmental stage of its program and must continue to improve fundamentally. Due to lack of numbers, staying healthy and the progress of newcomers will be a major factor in the team's ability to move forward.

# COLORADO

## BUFFALOES

### Could Challenge for Title

**T**he Colorado Buffaloes were eagerly awaiting their fate on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1988. Would this be the week that Colorado finally returned to the Associated Press or United Press International Top 20? It seemed entirely possible because the Buffs' impressive 45-8 thrashing of Missouri in Columbia the previous Saturday had increased their season record to 7-2. Plus, five teams in the AP's second 10 of the Top 20 had lost (No. 12 Oklahoma State, No. 15 South Carolina, No. 18 Alabama, plus the two tied at No. 20, Brigham Young and Indiana). In addition, three of the four teams ahead of the Buffs in "Others Receiving Votes" also lost, leaving only Washington State and Colorado as winners between the 20th and 27th slots.

It seemed ironic that the last time the Buffs were ranked in either wire service poll was on Oct. 30, 1978, when 6-2 Colorado appeared as No. 17 in the UPI poll, almost 10 years previous to the day and also after a road win at Missouri.

And then it happened.

After being on the fringe of the Top 20 for much of the '88 season, Colorado got what the school had so eagerly awaited: both wire services gave the Buffs a No. 19 ranking.

Four days later, Coach Bill McCartney and his team left for Lincoln, Neb. "It will surely take our very greatest effort," McCartney said before departing, "to compete with them."

Colorado competed gamely but lost 7-0. Still, the pollsters were so impressed with the effort that CU actually held its ranking despite the loss.

Going into its Freedom Bowl matchup with Brigham Young, Colorado had rebounded to 8-3 with a 56-14 mauling of Kansas State, and UPI rewarded the Buffs with another tasty No. 19 rank-

ing. Up and down all year, McCartney's team lost to BYU 20-17 and again disappeared from the final charts.

The Buffs in 1989, however, are only looking up.

Blessed with 17 returning starters, Colorado looks to have its strongest team since the 1976 version tied Oklahoma and Oklahoma State for the Big Eight title and went to the Orange Bowl, losing 27-10 to Ohio State.

"Our biggest strength is that we return the overwhelming majority of our starters, plus we have good depth in the skill positions on both sides of the ball," McCartney explains. "The weakness that concerns me is the lack of quality depth on our offensive and defensive lines."



**LB Alfred Williams was named national Player of the Week against Iowa last year.**

But that's about all.

Defense is where the Buffs should be exceptional. Nine starters return, including All-America candidate Kanavis McGhee (6-5, 240, jr.) at outside linebacker.

"We have a chance to develop a strong front seven," McCartney said. "Our defense last fall was not physically big enough to control the line of scrimmage on several occasions. We'll be working hard to develop more size and strength in our front seven. We need to be stronger in the interior against the run. In the secondary, we made substantial progress after the Oklahoma State game (a 41-21 nightmare loss in Boulder). We have good athletes with a good measure of experience, and I'll be disappointed if we don't have a stronger unit back there this season."

The Buff defenders improved markedly last season after an awkward start that prompted McCartney to lament: "I don't think we're aggressive tacklers, and we don't use good technique. We haven't tackled well in the first five games. But that's typical of a young team. We have to be a more dominant defensive team."

And they did just that.

Colorado's defense allowed only 67 points in its last six games (11.2 per game) and surrendered only six touchdowns in those contests. During that span, the Buffs allowed only 15 penetrations inside their own 20-yard line, and only one-third of those drives eventually led to touchdowns.

You'd expect a young defense to improve, and Colorado was very young, starting only two seniors, four juniors, four sophomores and one freshman (a true frosh at that — cornerback Deon Figures).

McGhee, of course, will be the ring-

leader in '89. Only a junior, McGhee has recovered from a broken ankle he suffered in Colorado's heartbreaking loss to Nebraska in Lincoln. He will gather preseason votes for Big Eight Defensive Player of the Year. "Kanavis is our fastest improving player," McCartney said. "He has the ability to pressure the passer and the ability to drop off and cover the pass. He's extremely flexible."

McGhee was second on the team in tackles (102), quarterback sacks (5.5) and tackles for loss (11). He had 23 tackles against Oklahoma to win Defensive Player of the Week in the Big Eight. UPI and *The Sporting News* picked McGhee second-team All-America.

Alfred Williams (6-6, 230, jr.) is McGhee's counterpart at the other outside linebacker spot. Williams had 59 tackles (43 solo) last fall, with a team-leading six sacks plus 11 tackles for loss. After Colorado drove 85 yards in 11 plays to score with 1:55 to play and upset Iowa 24-21 in Iowa City, Williams was named national Player of the Week by *The Sporting News* for his effort (seven tackles, four for losses, two sacks, plus a fumble caused, fumble recovery and pass deflection).

McGhee was All-Big Eight and Williams was second-team all-league, giving Colorado the two most decorated outside linebackers/defensive ends in the conference. Both are two-year starters.

In the line, where McCartney is so concerned about bulk, two-year starter Arthur Walker (6-4, 265, sr.) quickly added 15 pounds after the Freedom Bowl and is set for an all-star campaign. He's fired up for a big senior year and should be the building block for a solid defensive front now that an injured knee has been scoped and he's back at full speed. Walker was second-team All-Big Eight in 1988.

He probably will be joined by tackle Oakland Salavea (6-5, 245, sr.), who started five games last year. Joel Steed (6-3, 270, so.) should take over noseguard in replacement of last year's starter, Tom Reinhardt. Last August, McCartney said, "The defensive line could be the strength of our team a year from now." That time has come.

At inside linebacker, one spot is wrapped up by Michael Jones (6-0, 230,

**DT Arthur Walker led CU with tackles for losses (12).**



sr.), who is embarking on his third year as a starter. Jones was Colorado's second-leading tackler (131) in 1987 and leading tackler in '88 when he made 113 stops. He was second-team all-league last year. The other inside backer spot may not be finalized until August.

In the secondary, the Buffs return every starter from a unit that was notoriously inexperienced.

"Our secondary started very slow last year," said McCartney. But then the Buff backs held their own, with free safety Bruce Young (5-10, 200, sr.) emerging as the leader of the pack (he led the team with 76 solo tackles). He transferred from Long Beach City College where he was a juco All-American, and Young made an immediate impact: winning league Defensive Player of the Week honors against Iowa, then winning second-team All-Big Eight accolades at year's end. Cornerback Deon Figures (6-1, 170, so.) took over as a starter after the sixth game and went on to win Defensive Newcomer of the Year from league coaches. Corner Dave McCloughan (6-1, 185, jr.) and strong safety Tim James (6-3, 200, jr.) also return. Keith Pontiflet (6-0, 170, sr.) was the guy who

Figures bumped from the starting lineup and is a quality player, making nine pass break-ups in 1988.

Offensively, McCartney has Colorado improving steadily out of the Power-I after running the Wishbone from 1985-87. "We will continue to depend on a strong running game to carry us," he said. "We will seek to control the ball to keep our defense rested. Currently, we're extremely deep at tailback, but those things have a way of solving themselves. I want to have depth at the running back positions and yet be afforded the flexibility of moving good athletes to other key positions. The Power-I has afforded us an opportunity to give more diversity to our attack. It has been our contention for some time that we could not win our conference running pure Wishbone football. So we're attempting to develop our own attack that will hopefully create problems that are different on a week-to-week basis."

Last year the Buffs created problems all right — for themselves.

"I think you can attribute a lot of our mistakes last year to growing pains, youth, overeagerness and exuberance," said McCartney. "We made foolish

mistakes at times. Some of them were noticeable and some were not. There were a number of things we did that prevented us from being a dominant team."

Still, Colorado averaged just under 400 yards total offense, the highest output in Boulder since 1977. Though a success last season, McCartney feels that the offense has struck just the tip of the iceberg and can be improved upon, especially in the passing game.

McCartney's main concern will be finding a replacement for starting quarterback Sal Aunese, who has withdrawn from the team while taking chemotherapy to combat cancer. Aunese

was an effective signal-caller, leading the Buffs to 13 victories in the 18 games he started the past two years.

Still, quarterback should be in solid hands as Darian Hagan (5-10, 185, so.) takes charge. He played in five games last year as a true freshman, rushing for 175 yards and averaging 5.5 yards per carry while showing flashes of brilliance. Even though Aunese was considered a strong incumbent, McCartney did not disguise his fascination with the quick-footed Hagan. Colorado coaches assumed Hagan would have played a lot even with a healthy Aunese.

In the Power-I, the Buffs boast of a

bona fide All-America candidate in tailback Eric Bieniemy (5-6, 190, jr.), who rushed for 1,243 yards in only 10 games last year. After pulling a hamstring early against Nebraska, Bieniemy never returned to regular-season action. He had an excellent shot at breaking the single-season school rushing record if he had played against Kansas State in the finale, but McCartney held him out.

Bieniemy was healthy, however, in the Freedom Bowl as he rushed for 144 yards and two touchdowns.

Fullback will be handled by Erich Kissick (6-0, 230, sr.), who will be starting for the third year. He's a bruising runner but mostly a blocker.

The pride of the offense — other than Bieniemy — is an offensive line that returns four starters and is being touted as one of the best in school history. It's definitely the largest, averaging 275 pounds per chunk. Three of them won some kind of All-America and/or All-Big Eight honors a year ago.

Anchored by tackles Mark Vander Poel (6-8, 295, jr.) and Bill Coleman (6-5, 265, sr.) plus guards Darrin Muilenberg (6-4, 280, sr.) and Joe Garten (6-3, 280, jr.), all four are probable honors candidates this season if they play to their abilities. The two keys to success for the entire line will be replacing all-star center Erik Norgard



**Eric Bieniemy is the first Buff in 11 seasons to rush for 1,000 yards.**

## BUFFALO QUICK STATS

- Since 1985, CU is 20-2 in games in which the Buffs rush for 300 yards or more.
- CU last appeared in a preseason Top 20 in 1977: 12th by AP, 14th by UPI.
- The Buffs struggled against the pass last year, surrendering completions at a 64 percent rate.
- The Buff spring roster showed stability: 21 seniors, 27 juniors, 24 sophomores and 24 redshirt freshmen.

## BUFFS TO WATCH

**ERIC BIENIEMY**, tailback, 5-6, 190, jr.  
**KANAVIS MCGHEE**, linebacker, 6-5, 240, jr.  
**ALFRED WILLIAMS**, linebacker, 6-6, 230, jr.  
**MARK VANDER POEL**, offensive tackle, 6-8, 295, jr.  
**ARTHUR WALKER**, defensive tackle, 6-4, 255, sr.  
**BRUCE YOUNG**, free safety, 5-10, 200, sr.

## COACH'S QUOTE

**"I've never been fully satisfied with the leadership we've had because it's never reached my expectations. Hopefully, this group of seniors will reach those high standards."**  
**— Bill McCartney**

and shoring up depth, particularly at guard.

Though a running team, Colorado still enjoyed more passing success in 1988 than it had during any team in McCartney's Wishbone/Power-I era as last year's team threw for almost 1,300 yards but hit barely 43 percent of its aeriels. All three receiver-types return: split end Jeff Campbell (5-9, 170, sr.), tight end John Perak (6-6, 235, sr.) and wingback Mike Pritchard (5-11, 180, jr.).

Campbell led the Buffs in receiving last year with 15 catches for 466 yards and a whopping 31.1 yards-per-catch average. He's also run five reverses for touchdowns in his career. Perak was used mostly as a blocker last year, and Pritchard has shown signs of big-play potential.

On special teams, the only graduation loss of note was a doozy as All-American punter Keith English was scooped up in the NFL draft, leaving Colorado without a bona fide all-star punter for the first time in five years.

Despite all this talent, McCartney's squad must still overcome one of the toughest non-conference schedules in school history. The Buffs open with traditionally strong Texas on Sept. 4 in Boulder on ESPN. Although the Longhorns were only 4-7 last year, it's a safe bet they'll be better. Then comes intrastate rival CSU, which is usually not considered a toughie but has still played its big-time counterpart to the hilt recently. Next comes a promising Illinois squad before the Buffs travel to Seattle against 6-5 Washington. Usually a Pacific 10 contender, the Huskies won't be push-overs.

Colorado gets Missouri and Nebraska at home but must face Oklahoma and Oklahoma State on the road. That schedule will keep the Buffaloes from reaching the Top 10, but they have the talent to definitely challenge OU and Nebraska for the Big Eight title if they get some breaks.

As Aunese reflected on last year's 8-4 team he said, "A couple of bounces here and there and we could have been a 10-1 team. I believe we were a Top 20 team after the way we played the last month of the season."

The Buffs will definitely be a Top 20 team this season. ■

## 1988 RECORD (8-4)

45	Fresno State	3
24	at Iowa	21
28	Oregon State	21
27	at Colorado State	23
21	Oklahoma State	41
21	at Kansas	9
14	Oklahoma	17
24	Iowa State	12
45	at Missouri	8
0	at Nebraska	7
56	Kansas State	14
17	BYU (Freedom Bowl)	20

## FINGERTIP FACTS

**Head Coach:** Bill McCartney (entering his 8th year at CU)

**Lettermen returning:** 41 (17 offense, 22 defense, 2 specialists)

**Lettermen lost:** 11 (6 offense, 4 defense, 1 specialist)

**Offensive starters returning:** 9

**Defensive starters returning:** 8

**1988 Big Eight finish:** 4th, 4-3

**Predicted 1989 finish:** 3rd

## 1989 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Texas	(4-7)
Sept. 9	Colorado St.	(1-10)
Sept. 16	Illinois	(6-5-1)
Sept. 30	at Washington	(6-5)
Oct. 7	Missouri	(3-7-1)
Oct. 14	at Iowa State	(5-6)
Oct. 21	Kansas	(1-10)
Oct. 28	at Oklahoma	(9-3)
Nov. 4	Nebraska	(11-2)
Nov. 11	at Okla. State	(10-2)
Nov. 18	at Kansas St.	(0-11)

(1988 record)

## SPRING DEPTH CHART

### OFFENSE

WR	<b>Jeff Campbell</b>	5-9	170	sr.
	M.J. Nelson	5-9	155	sr.
LT	<b>Bill Coleman</b>	6-5	265	sr.
	Ariel Solomon	6-6	275	jr.
LG	<b>Joe Garten</b>	6-3	280	jr.
	Greg Gould	6-5	265	sr.
OC	Jay Leeuwenburg	6-3	255	so.
	Neil Schlesener	6-4	260	jr.
RG	<b>Darrin Muilenburg</b>	6-4	280	sr.
	Russ Heasley	6-4	255	so.
RT	<b>Mark Vander Poel</b>	6-8	295	jr.
	David Ellis	6-7	285	jr.
TE	<b>John Perak</b>	6-6	235	sr.
	Jeff Cantrell	6-3	230	jr.
QB	Darian Hagan	5-10	185	so.
	Charles Johnson	5-9	165	so.
FB	<b>Erich Kissick</b>	6-0	220	sr.
	George Hemingway	6-0	215	jr.
WB	<b>Mike Pritchard</b>	5-11	180	jr.
	David Arterberry	6-2	200	so.
TB	<b>Eric Bieniemy</b>	5-6	190	jr.
	J.J. Flannigan	5-11	185	sr.
K	<b>Ken Culbertson</b>	6-5	175	sr.

### DEFENSE

OLB	<b>Alfred Williams</b>	6-6	230	jr.
	Lamarr Gray	6-1	225	jr.
LT	<b>Arthur Walker</b>	6-4	265	sr.
	Jim Hansen	6-6	245	fr.
NT	Joel Steed	6-3	270	so.
	Garry Howe	5-11	270	jr.
RT	Okland Salavea	6-5	245	sr.
	Brad Robinson	6-2	250	sr.
OLB	<b>Kanavis McGhee</b>	6-5	240	jr.
	Paul Rose	6-2	205	jr.
LLB	David Brown	6-2	225	jr.
	Terry Johnson	6-1	215	jr.
RLB	<b>Michael Jones</b>	6-0	230	sr.
	Rob Hutchins	6-1	215	jr.
LCB	Keith Pontifflet	6-0	170	sr.
	<b>Deon Figures</b>	6-1	170	fr.
SS	<b>Bruce Young</b>	5-10	200	sr.
	Doug Adkins	5-9	185	fr.
FS	<b>Tim James</b>	6-3	200	jr.
	Tate Nelson	6-2	180	fr.
RCB	<b>Dave McCloughan</b>	6-1	185	jr.
	David Gibbs	5-8	175	jr.
P	Tom Rouen	6-3	220	so.

(returning starters in bold)

## BUFFALO OUTLOOK

**STRENGTHS:** Offensive line, depth/balance (21 seniors, 28 juniors, 24 sophomores, 24 redshirt frosh return) and 19 starters return.

**WEAKNESSES:** Improve erratic passing game, maybe punting game.

**KEYS TO SUCCESS:** Continued development of the power-I offense, the maturation of secondary (four new starters in '88) and finding a replacement for All-America punter Keith English.

# IOWA STATE CYCLONES

## On Schedule To Win

In this spring's hit movie "Field of Dreams," a modern-day Iowa farmer turns his prize corn field into a makeshift baseball diamond at the bidding of a mysterious voice from nowhere. Equally mysterious is the subsequent arrival of the 1919 Chicago Black Sox baseball players, who appreciate the farmer's offer to let them play on it. They do, enjoying it enough to invite more of their ghostly friends from America's pastime to relive the game they loved. At the movie's end, one of

the mystical players asks the farmer (played by Kevin Costner), "Is this heaven?" The farmer replies, "No, this is Iowa."

Cyclone Stadium in Ames could be a field of football dreams this season, and Iowa State may have a heavenly season, with a little luck.

In all, 43 lettermen return from last year's 5-6 squad (including a 3-4 mark in league play). Although a 5-6 record is not earth-shattering, it pleased head coach Jim Walden. "I am proud of the

team and the coaching staff this season for what we have been able to pull out of the guys," the third-year coach said as 1988 concluded. "I'm sorry to see it end, but it's an ending as well as a new beginning."

Walden will welcome back 13 returning starters, giving Iowa State a solid foundation on which to build a quality team. Walden said before the 1988 season, "We'd like to improve on our record of a year ago, even if it means winning one more game." The Cyclones took a step up the Big Eight ladder last year by beating Kansas, Kansas State and Missouri by a total of 55 points and may climb another notch this season if Oklahoma State falters.

Walden describes his theory of football success this way: "First you lose big, then there are moral victories, then real victories." Walden's 3-8 squad lost big in 1987, gained some confidence in 1988 and is ready for real victories in '89.

Returning at quarterback is Bret Oberg (6-2, 190, sr.). Walden experimented with the no-huddle offense quite a bit last year, letting Oberg call plays at the line of scrimmage about 70 percent of the time. If the opposing team would have ever figured the offense out, "Coach Walden would come up with something else from outer space," Oberg said. His 1,360 yards last year was the 14th highest total ever for a Cyclone quarterback. His best game was the 21-3 victory over Missouri, where he completed 10 of 14 aerials for 141 yards and three touchdowns. He also threw for 238 yards against rival Iowa. Playing behind him will be sophomores Chris Pedersen (6-2, 217) and Matt Whitmire (6-3, 200).

Trying to replace second-team All-Big Eight running back Joe Henderson



**QB Bret Oberg returns after throwing for over 1,300 yards in '88.**

will not be an easy task, but Paul Thibodeaux (6-0, 188, sr.) is an experienced back who could have a very productive year. Edwin Jones (5-10, 180, so.) started in 1987, and should split playing time with Thibodeaux this year. Starting fullback Curtis Warren also graduated, and his spot will be filled by sophomore Ron Wilkinson (5-11, 185), but he will receive competition from three-year letterman Sylvester Nickerson (6-0, 202, sr.). Listed behind Nickerson is sophomore Paul Blazek (5-11, 188). Two future backfield stars will join the Cyclones in the fall. Incoming freshman Sherman Williams from Omaha (Neb.) Central has been timed at 4.3 in the 40-yard dash, giving him the fastest time in school history. His alma mater also produced legendary back Gale Sayers and former Nebraska star Keith Jones. Juco transfer Blaise Bryant (6-1, 200, jr.) was an All-American last year after leading all junior colleges in rushing with 1,691 yards. Both of these backs could be great before they are done.

Iowa State will be looking to fill the void at wide receiver as honorable-mention all-league performers Eddie Brown and Dennis Ross graduated. Steve Lester (5-10, 195, jr.) and Tyrone Williams (5-10, 173, sr.) ended spring drills as the new receiving tandem. Three players are competing for the second-team position behind Lester: redshirt freshmen Matt Fauser (6-2, 204) and Harold Champion (6-0, 185) plus two-year letterman John Glotfelty (6-1, 181, jr.). Troy Moore (5-11, 185, jr.) and redshirt freshman Chris Spencer (6-4, 200) are battling for No. 2 behind Williams.

At tight end, Mike Busch (6-5, 252, sr.) returns after winning second-team All-Big Eight honors with 27 catches for 343 yards and one touchdown. The versatile Busch was also one of the leading hitters for the Cyclone baseball team last spring. He will battle Missouri's Tim Bruton for All-Big Eight honors this year and could be in line for national recognition. Second-teamer Craig Mahoney (6-3, 228, jr.) may have to wait another year before he is able to play full-time. Walden said, "Busch is one of the top tight ends in the country and, with Mahoney, our tight end corps is possibly one of the best in the nation."

**Kicker Jeff Shudak has been all-conference two years in a row.**



On the offensive line, Trent Van Hoosen (6-3, 244, sr.) will once again start at right guard. Backing him up will be senior Scott Armburst (6-3, 267). Big Keith Sims (6-4, 300, sr.) will move from right tackle (where he earned honorable-mention all-league kudos in '88) to center with juniors Chris Mussman (6-4, 255) and George Tsiotsias (6-2, 260) fighting for the backup role. Mussman is recovering from a shoulder injury sustained in spring practice. Taking over at right tackle will be three-year letterman Dave Benoit (6-4, 254, sr.) with sophomore Eric Nasstrom (6-3, 248) playing behind him. Benoit will also handle the deep-snapping chores. On the left side, guard Rick Wells (6-3, 257, sr.) will resume the starting position he had in 1987. Lance Henkel (6-4, 244, so.) will back up Wells. At tackle, returning starter Gene Williams (6-2, 310, jr.) will give opponents a big obstacle to overcome while redshirt freshman Chris Hergendrader (6-3, 238)

waits in the wings for his chance to play. The five starters will give the Cyclones a veteran unit up-front that could rank among the best in the conference.

After Iowa State's conquest of Missouri, Walden said, "I don't know how our defense is doing it. They're playing very hard and I'm proud of them. I'm just amazed at some of the things these guys are doing. It's like they decided they're going to say, 'Hey, we're better than you think.'" This year's defense could be even more improved.

Three of the four starting defensive linemen return this year. Playing left defensive end will be junior Mark Foley (6-3, 240) with sophomores Matt Rehberg (6-5, 262) and Tony Meyer (6-5, 235) backing him up. Left tackle should belong to Phil Navarro (6-2, 238, jr.) with letterman Travis Block (6-0, 222, jr.) behind him. Right tackle is the brightest spot of the defensive line. Don Edwards (6-3, 230, sr.) returns after leading all Big Eight down linemen in

**Mike Busch is both a standout tight end and baseball player.**



tackles last year with 71 (including a career-high 10 against the Hawkeyes and nine at Oklahoma). Matt Grubb (6-1, 240, so.) gives ISU a capable backup. Two-year starter Randy Bern (6-4, 250, sr.) is listed at the top of the depth chart at right end. Bern spent all of spring drills rehabilitating a knee injury and should be full speed by August. If he is not, senior Dean Ahlers (6-1, 234) will step into the lineup. Another player thought to be in the hunt for a starting job was defensive end Darius Shahrzad, but he has been diagnosed as having cancer of the lymph nodes and his return is indefinite.

Experience will also be a plus for the Cyclone linebacking unit. Two of the three starters from a year ago are back,

making the Iowa State defense very solid. At strong linebacker, Robert Lendino (6-3, 226, sr.) returns but will be challenged for his position by sophomore Larry Ratigan (6-3, 224). Redshirt freshman Malcom Goodwin (6-2, 210) could also play quite a bit this year. All-Big Eight performer Mike Shane (6-2, 210) returns for his senior season, but sat out spring drills because of a knee injury suffered against Nebraska. Sophomore Tyrone Davis (6-0, 210) filled in for Shane last season and enables Iowa State to field another talented backer with good speed and strength. Fighting for the weak linebacker spot are three-year letterman Charles Vondra (6-0, 200), who has some starting experience, and junior

college All-America pick Melvin Coleman (6-1, 200, jr.). Vondra fractured his thumb during spring drills, which may have opened the door for Coleman. Either of these players will complement the fine Cyclone linebacking unit. "We have some very good athletes at linebacker," says Walden.

Believe it or not, the secondary might rank as Iowa State's strongest area. The reason? The defensive backfield is swarming with talented athletes just waiting to play. Left cornerback Marcus Robinson (6-0, 190, jr.) was an honorable-mention All-Big Eight pick last year after making over 70 tackles, two interceptions and deflecting four passes. He will also be called upon to return punts. Playing behind him is two-year letterman Greg Gloede (6-0, 182, sr.). The other cornerback position could be played by any of three players: senior Dave Eder (5-11, 181), sophomore Randono Johnson (5-10, 182) or redshirt freshman Andrew Buggs (6-0, 170). Johnson is a converted wide receiver and will handle kickoff returns this year. Buggs suffered a shoulder injury in spring drills that slowed him down considerably.

Free safety Tim Baker (6-2, 192, sr.) is a two-year starter and was fourth in the league in tackles among defensive backs last year. Matt Goodwin (6-2, 193,

## CYCLONE QUICK STATS

- Iowa State returns the top two tacklers in the Big Eight at their respective positions: linebacker Mike Shane and lineman Don Edwards.
- The Cyclones haven't been upset by a lower-ranked team during Jim Walden's tenure.
- Five of ISU's six losses last year were to teams that went to bowls.
- The Cyclones finished last among all Division I teams last year in kickoff returns.

## CYCLONES TO WATCH

**MIKE SHANE**, linebacker, 6-2, 220, sr.  
**JEFF SHUDAK**, kicker, 5-11, 178, jr.  
**MIKE BUSCH**, tight end, 6-5, 252, sr.  
**BRET OBERG**, quarterback, 6-2, 190, sr.  
**DON EDWARDS**, defensive tackle, 6-3, 230, sr.  
**TIM BAKER**, defensive back, 6-2, 190, sr.

## COACH'S QUOTE

**"This is the third year in our system for some of our players. We're hoping that experience pays off for us. Also, the fact that Brett Oberg is returning with a year of starting experience should help."**

**— Jim Walden**

so.) will draw the No. 2 slot after redshirt freshman Mark DouBrava (6-0, 183) went down with a knee injury in the spring. DouBrava should return this fall. Highly regarded redshirt Casey Martinez (5-11, 193, jr.) finished No. 1 on the chart after his two competitors were hampered with injuries in the spring. Second-teamer Jeff Bauer (5-11, 181, jr.) and third-string redshirt freshman Tucker Sides (6-1, 197) were bothered by shoulder problems, making Martinez the only completely healthy strong safety.

The Cyclone special teams remain intact for 1989. Placement specialist Jeff Shudak (5-11, 178) is a two-time All-Big Eight selection and a bona fide All-America candidate heading into his junior year. He should own all of Iowa State's kicking records before he is through. Punter Judge Johnston (6-1, 183, sr.) is a two-year starter who averaged 39.4 yards per kick last season. He will also be the holder when Shudak attempts field goals.

Iowa State has a very good chance to improve on last year's 5-6 mark. The non-conference schedule includes three consecutive home games against Ohio, Minnesota and Iowa before playing Tulane and Kansas on the road. Those five teams had a cumulative record of 18-33-6 last year with the strongest of them being Iowa at 6-4-3. If Iowa State can play up to its potential, the Cyclones could be 5-0 or 4-1 heading into the meat of the Big Eight slate. The "meat" includes three straight games: Colorado and Oklahoma plus a road trip to Nebraska. The Cyclones also get Kansas State and Missouri in Ames before closing the season at Stillwater against OSU. A 6-5 or 7-4 record is not out of the question, and a minor bowl bid might be on tap if things go well.

Midway through last season, a reporter asked Walden if the win over Mizzou was a "big" win. Walden responded, "It was fun, but that's about all. We're probably not going to beat Nebraska and we're not going to the Orange Bowl. To me, a big win is in a game when you've got a bowl game riding on the outcome."

If that's the case, Walden's Cyclones may have some very big games this year. ■

## 1988 RECORD (5-6)

30	Tulane	13
0	Baylor	35
3	at Iowa	10
7	at Oklahoma	35
20	Northern Iowa	17
21	at Missouri	3
42	Kansas	14
12	Colorado	24
16	Nebraska	51
16	at Kansas State	7
28	Oklahoma State	49

## FINGERTIP FACTS

**Head Coach:** Jim Walden  
(entering his 3rd year at ISU)

**Lettermen returning:** 43  
(19 offense, 22 defense, 2 specialists)

**Lettermen lost:** 16  
(7 offense, 9 defense)

**Offensive starters returning:** 5

**Defensive starters returning:** 8

**1988 Big Eight finish:** 5th, 3-4

**Predicted 1989 finish:** 6th

## 1989 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	Ohio	(4-6-1)
Sept. 16	Minnesota	(2-7-2)
Sept. 23	Iowa	(6-4-3)
Sept. 30	at Tulane	(5-6)
Oct. 7	at Kansas	(1-10)
Oct. 14	Colorado	(8-4)
Oct. 21	Oklahoma	(9-3)
Oct. 28	at Nebraska	(11-2)
Nov. 4	Kansas State	(0-11)
Nov. 11	Missouri	(3-7-1)
Nov. 18	at Okla. State	(10-2)

(1988 record)

## SPRING DEPTH CHART

### OFFENSE

WR	Steve Lester	5-10	195	jr.
	Matt Fauser	6-2	204	fr.
LT	<b>Gene Williams</b>	6-2	310	jr.
	Chris Hergendrader	6-3	238	fr.
LG	Rick Wells	6-3	257	sr.
	Lance Henkel	6-4	244	so.
C	<b>Keith Sims</b>	6-4	300	sr.
	Chris Mussman	6-4	255	jr.
RG	<b>Trent Van Hoesen</b>	6-3	244	sr.
	Scott Armbrust	6-3	267	so.
RT	Dave Benoit	6-4	254	sr.
	Eric Nasstrom	6-3	248	so.
QB	<b>Bret Oberg</b>	6-1	195	sr.
	Chris Pedersen	6-2	217	so.
RB	Edwin Jones	5-10	197	so.
	Paul Thibodeaux	5-11	188	sr.
RB	Ron Wilkinson	5-11	185	so.
	Sylvester Nickerson	5-11	207	sr.
TE	<b>Mike Busch</b>	6-5	252	sr.
	Craig Mahoney	6-2	230	jr.
FL	Tyrone Williams	5-10	173	sr.
	Troy Moore	5-11	185	jr.
K	<b>Jeff Shudak</b>	5-11	178	jr.

### DEFENSE

LDE	<b>Mark Foley</b>	6-3	240	jr.
	Matt Rehberg	6-5	262	so.
LDT	Phil Navarro	6-2	238	jr.
	Travis Block	6-0	222	jr.
RDT	<b>Don Edwards</b>	6-3	230	sr.
	Matt Grubb	6-1	240	so.
RDE	<b>Randy Bern</b>	6-4	250	sr.
	Dean Ahlers	6-1	234	sr.
SLB	<b>Robert Lendino</b>	6-3	226	sr.
	Larry Ratigan	6-3	224	so.
MLB	<b>Mike Shane</b>	6-2	210	sr.
	Tyrone Davis	6-0	210	so.
WLB	Charles Vondra	6-0	200	sr.
	Melvin Coleman	6-1	200	jr.
RCB	Dave Eder	5-11	181	sr.
	Randono Johnson	5-10	182	so.
LCB	<b>Marcus Robertson</b>	6-0	190	jr.
	Greg Gloede	6-0	182	sr.
SS	Casey Martinez	5-11	193	jr.
	Jeff Bauer	5-11	181	jr.
FS	<b>Tim Baker</b>	6-2	192	sr.
	Matt Goodwin	6-2	193	so.
P	<b>Judge Johnson</b>	6-1	183	sr.

(returning starters in bold)

## CYCLONE OUTLOOK

**STRENGTHS:** Secondary, linebackers, offensive line, quarterback, kicking game.

**WEAKNESSES:** Inexperience at running back and wide receiver.

**KEYS TO SUCCESS:** Cultivating untested talent at running back and wide receiver and playing up to potential defensively.

# MISSOURI TIGERS

## May Cause Some Waves

If a "Jekyll and Hyde" team was named every year, the Missouri Tigers would have easily won that dubious honor in 1988.

At times, the Tigers looked like a team destined for postseason play. Missouri could have beaten recent Big Ten challenger Indiana on Jeff Jacke's last-second 22-yard field goal. But the ball bounced off the left upright, giving the Tigers a 28-28 tie. Missouri also put a scare into Big Eight powerhouses Nebraska and Oklahoma. The Tigers

held the Huskers to nine first downs and 116 rushing yards and actually led the Huskers 6-0 at the half. However, fumbles and big plays hurt the Tigers as they eventually lost 26-18. Missouri held OU to 13 first downs but lost 16-7.

In contrast, there were times when the black and gold bengals looked like stray cats. Defending national champion Miami hammered Missouri 55-0 and did it without having to punt once. Colorado pounded the Tigers 45-8 in Columbia (which guaranteed the Tigers' fifth

consecutive losing season), and Iowa State forced six Missouri turnovers, handing Mizzou a 21-3 homecoming loss. But that was then and this is now.

After failing to show the "Show Me" state a winning record, fourth-year coach Woody Widenhofer got axed, and Missouri coaxed UTEP mentor Bob Stull to assume the Tiger head coaching job. When Stull stepped foot onto the Columbia campus, the changes began. "We want to establish our offensive and defensive philosophies," said Stull. "We have to evaluate the personnel and try to get the best athletes on the field. If we have to make some position changes, then we'll have to do that."

There will be no change at quarterback. Experienced starter John Stollenwerck (6-0, 199, sr.), returns after an injury-filled 1988. The southpaw has been a blessing to Mizzou after transferring from SMU. "He did everything we asked...moving the football and leading the team," said Widenhofer before his departure. Listed second on the depth chart is junior college transfer Kent Kiefer (6-1, 190, jr.), who began his career at pass-happy Pacific 10 member Arizona State. Challenging Kiefer for his second-team spot is Brad Fitzmaurice (6-0, 182, so.). Fitzmaurice started against Miami and came in several times in a reserve role. Missouri also signed the top two prep quarterbacks in the state, including highly-regarded Phil Johnson (6-5, 210). Some say Johnson had the strongest arm in Missouri last season and he made the *Super Prep* All-Midlands team. The race is on.

Stull has an envious problem at running back. "We have too many of them," he said. "Some of them will have to move to become wide receivers or



**Tight end Tim Bruton may be the Big Eight's best.**

defensive backs. Right now, it doesn't make sense to have 10 tailbacks." Missouri returns five backs who gained more than 100 yards in 1988, five others who lettered and two who redshirted. One player who will not be moved is returning starter Tommie Stowers (6-3, 225, sr.) who Widenhofer called "one of the best fullbacks in the Big Eight." The bruising Stowers led Mizzou in rushing last year with 667 yards and will crack the Tigers' Top 10 in career rushing this year. Stull calls Stowers "a fine fullback." Playing behind Stowers will be sophomore Chris Hall (5-10, 200), who mainly returned kickoffs last season. At tailback, Michael Jones (6-2, 211, jr.) finished the 1988 campaign with 463 yards (good enough for 15th in the league) and six touchdowns on only 85 carries. "He's a guy who's going to have to be reckoned with," Widenhofer said of Jones. "It seems like every time he touches the ball, he's going somewhere." Jones and Stowers should give Missouri a powerful one-two punch in the backfield. Both backs appear to be well-suited for the new Pro Set offense that Stull brought with him from Texas-El Paso. Penciled in behind Jones is senior Jim White (6-0, 208), but Smiley Elmore (5-9, 202, sr.) and touted incoming freshman Maurice Benson could also give Jones some stiff competition. Elmore was hurt in spring practice but should be 100 percent this season after rushing for over 400 yards in '88.

At wide receiver, the Tigers needed depth, so the Missouri staff signed seven stellar wide-outs. Ron Pointer (6-0, 160, sr.) has been timed at 4.42 in the forty and is the only scholarship receiver back. Listed behind him is Craig Pattera (6-0, 179, jr.), who switched from quarterback. Former running back Charles Quint (5-11, 180, so.) will give the Tigers additional speed and depth. At flanker, fleet juco transfer Damon Mays (5-10, 179, jr.) has taken the starting job after a great spring. Behind him is sophomore letterman Skip Leach (5-9, 162).

But the best may be yet to come for the Tigers. Linzy Collins was the top junior college receiver last year and will join the Tigers when fall drills begin. Signing Collins and Mays was a major coup for the Tigers.

The star of the offense heading into



**Fullback Tommie Stowers (31) and tailback Michael Jones (40) give Mizzou a strong ground attack.**

the fall is tight end Tim Bruton (6-4, 245, jr.). Despite being limited by the run-oriented Widenhofer Wishbone, Bruton caught 26 passes for 447 yards (one of 1988's best marks for a Big Eight tight end) and three scores. An honorable-mention All-Big Eight pick last season, Bruton enters 1989 rated as one of the premier players at his position. Backing up Bruton will be Larry Linthacum (6-7, 248, jr.).

Missouri has the ingredients for a strong offensive line. Two-year letterman Pete Scott (6-4, 276, sr.) came to Mizzou as a center but is now firmly entrenched at left guard. He is the most versatile of the Tiger linemen, and Tiger coaches say he is blessed with great intelligence. Scott will also handle the deep-snapping chores. At right guard, returning starter Jay Greenwood (6-4, 290, sr.) is expected to be much improved this season. Second-team guards are former walkon Miles Leisman (6-2, 254, jr.) and David Washington (6-2, 271, sr.). The right tackle job should belong to returning starter Andy Lock

(6-3, 275, sr.). Lock was called the most improved lineman on the squad going into 1988 and had a good spring this season. His understudy will be sophomore Ken Christensen (6-5, 255). There will be a dogfight for the left tackle job. Don Wright (6-4, 245, so.) and Rick Trumbull (6-6, 287, jr.) are currently scrapping for the position, with Wright having a slight edge.

Snapping the ball will be redshirt freshman Brad Funk (6-3, 261), but he'll be pushed by senior Jeff Gardner (6-2, 267). Missouri also inked three of the top five linemen in-state. The offensive line should be a Mizzou strength for several years to come.

Eight starters return from a defensive unit that finished third in the league in total defense (allowing 350 yards per game).

On the defensive line, seven lettermen return and the outlook is very positive. Three-year lettermen Kevin White (6-4, 267, sr.) and Lee Johnson (6-1, 275, sr.) had 17 starts between them at defensive tackle a year ago and figure to be keys

to the Tiger defensive success. Johnson finished the 1988 campaign with 63 tackles, including 10 for 51 yards in losses. For his efforts, he was named second-team All-Big Eight. Playing behind them will be senior Harold Anderson (6-2, 269) and junior Rob Harper (6-7, 260). Rob's brother Jeff (6-2, 270, jr.) enters fall drills as the No. 1 noseguard with redshirt freshman Tim Burke (6-2, 264) behind him.

Brian Reeves (6-2, 210, sr.) will start for the second year at right outside linebacker while redshirt freshman Mike Ringgenberg (6-4, 220) provides young, quality depth. At left outside linebacker, Jerold Fletcher (6-2, 218, jr.) will return to the starting lineup after suffering a knee injury in 1988 (Ironically, he will replace starter A.J. Miller, who sustained an injury in spring practice that will sideline him for the season). Missouri coaches feel redshirt freshman Stacy Elliott (6-4, 225) will draw some attention in future years, but for the moment, he is listed second behind Fletcher.

Darren MacDonald (6-1, 204, sr.) is the prize of the Missouri linebacking corps. The three-year letter winner racked up 90 tackles last year (earning second-team all-conference recognition) and 101 stops in '87. When Missouri opens the season against TCU, MacDonald will make his 31st



**Adrian Jones is one of the top cornerbacks in America.**

consecutive start at outside linebacker. Andy Titone (6-0, 215, jr.) will play behind MacDonald. The other inside linebacker slot is up for grabs. Tom Reiner (6-1, 228, so.) ended spring practice at the top of the depth chart, but returning starter Ron Walters (6-3, 238, jr.) isn't expected to give up his position without a fight. In all, Missouri returns four linebackers with starting experience.

The Missouri secondary lost only one starter, plus Adrian Jones returns. Those two facts will make the Tiger defensive backfield one of the best in the league in 1989.

Jones (6-0, 181, sr.) has led the Big Eight in interceptions twice and is currently tied for the school record for career interceptions with 14. He is Missouri's only returning all-conference performer after finishing the season with 72 tackles. Senior backup Darrell Bryant (6-0, 195, sr.) has some starting experience and provides solid depth. Otis Smith (5-11, 182, sr.) will make the switch from strong safety to right cornerback, giving the Tigers two excellent defenders at the corners. Redshirt freshman Jermaine Wilkins (6-3, 198) will enter fall drills No. 2 behind Smith.

Two two-year lettermen will compete for the job vacated by Smith. Ted LePage (5-11, 197, sr.) ended spring practice just ahead of Harry Colon (6-0, 198, jr.), but both are expected to see considerable playing time this season. Junior Leon Fisher (5-11, 189) appears to have the early lead over Sharron Washington (6-0, 205, so.) in the race for free safety, but the starter won't be determined until late August. Widenhofer described Washington as "a free safety who's very aggressive and can really run."

## TIGER QUICK STATS

- MU played Nebraska and OU closer (17 points) than any Big Eight team except Colorado.
- Bob Stull's three-year record at UTEP was 21-15.
- Of Mizzou's seven losses in 1988, six came against bowl teams with a combined 66-18-1 record (78 percent winning mark).
- The Tigers' last season led the Big Eight in fumbles lost with 24.
- Linebacker Darren MacDonald needs only 67 tackles to set the school career record.

## TIGERS TO WATCH

**ADRIAN JONES**, cornerback, 6-0, 184, sr.

**TOMMIE STOWERS**, fullback, 6-3, 216, sr.

**TIM BRUTON**, tight end, 6-4 237, jr.

**DARREN MACDONALD**, linebacker, 6-1, 193, sr.

**LEE JOHNSON**, defensive end, 6-1, 273, sr.

## COACH'S QUOTE

**"Competition at quarterback will be important. We'll have to look for someone to prove that they're the No. 1 and No. 2 quarterbacks. We're only as good as our quarterback."**

**— Bob Stull**

Jacke (6-0, 180, so.) had an outstanding freshman year, connecting on eight of his 11 field goal attempts (including two from beyond 50 yards) and all 26 of his PAT tries. Mark Plunkett (6-1, 204, so.) could step in if Jacke falters this season.

Punting chores should belong to junior Mike Rookstool (6-2, 215). He averaged 46 yards per kick his senior year in high school and also earned all-state honors. Jim Weir (6-0, 243, jr.) is a converted kicker who will push Rookstool for the starting role.

Stull's first season at Missouri will not be an easy one. After opening against TCU at Columbia, the Tigers face a five-game slate that has to be one of the toughest stretches in college football. Mizzou will travel to Indiana, return home for a date with Miami, then hit the road for consecutive tests at Arizona State and Colorado before facing Nebraska at Faurot Field. If the Tigers can gain some confidence in their abilities in these games, Mizzou could post a respectable record. With road games at Kansas State and Iowa State, plus home games against Oklahoma State and Kansas, the Tigers finish with a fairly easy schedule (with the exception of a Nov. 4 game at Oklahoma). If the Missouri team that tied Indiana shows up this year, the Tigers could play above or near the .500 level. But, if Mizzou reverts into the squad that was humiliated at Miami, last year's 3-7-1 record could be repeated.

When Stull took the job at UTEP, he inherited a team that was a perennial doormat. Three years later, that doormat was 10-3 and playing in the Independence Bowl. The fans in Missouri have come to expect victories from their football team. Warren Powers gave Tiger fans their last taste of winning in the late '70s and early '80s, and Missouri supporters are eager for nothing less than a consistent winner. Once Stull implements his offensive and defensive strategies at Missouri, the Tigers may once again be consistent winners. But that will take time. Two years from now, the Big Reds may see the birth of a new challenger in Columbia, but until then, the league may be forced to guess which Missouri team will show up each Saturday. ■

## 1988 RECORD (3-7-1)

35	Utah State	21
7	Houston	31
28	Indiana	28
0	at Miami, Fla.	55
52	at Kansas State	21
3	Iowa State	21
21	at Oklahoma State	49
18	at Nebraska	26
8	Colorado	45
7	Oklahoma	16
55	at Kansas	17

## FINGERTIP FACTS

**Head Coach:** Bob Stull  
(entering his 1st year at Missouri)

**Lettermen returning:** 45  
(21 offense, 22 defense, 2 specialists)

**Lettermen lost:** 17  
(8 offense, 9 defense)

**Offensive starters returning:** 7

**Defensive starters returning:** 8

**1988 Big Eight finish:** 6th, 2-5

**Predicted 1989 finish:** 5th

## 1989 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	TCU	(4-7)
Sept. 16	at Indiana	(8-3-1)
Sept. 23	Miami, Fla.	(11-1)
Sept. 30	at Arizona St.	(6-5)
Oct. 7	at Colorado	(8-1)
Oct. 14	Nebraska	(11-2)
Oct. 21	at Kansas St.	(0-11)
Oct. 28	Oklahoma St.	(10-2)
Nov. 4	at Oklahoma	(9-3)
Nov. 11	at Iowa St.	(5-6)
Nov. 18	Kansas	(1-10)

(1988 record)

## SPRING DEPTH CHART

### OFFENSE

SE	Ron Pointer	6-0	160	sr.
	Craig Paterra	6-0	179	jr.
LT	Don Wright	6-4	245	so.
	Rick Trumbull	6-6	287	jr.
LG	<b>Pete Scott</b>	6-4	276	sr.
	Miles Leisman	6-2	254	jr.
C	Brad Funk	6-3	261	fr.
	Jeff Gardner	6-2	267	sr.
RG	<b>Jay Greenwood</b>	6-4	290	sr.
	David Washington	6-2	271	sr.
RT	<b>Andy Lock</b>	6-3	275	sr.
	Ken Christensen	6-5	255	so.
TE	<b>Tim Bruton</b>	6-4	245	jr.
	Larry Linthacum	6-7	248	jr.
QB	<b>John Stollenwerck</b>	6-0	199	sr.
	Kent Kiefer	6-1	190	jr.
FB	<b>Tommie Stowers</b>	6-3	225	sr.
	Chris Hall	5-10	200	so.
TB	<b>Michael Jones</b>	6-2	211	jr.
	Jim White	6-0	208	sr.
FL	Damon Mays	5-10	179	jr.
	Skip Leach	5-9	162	so.
K	<b>Jeff Jacke</b>	6-0	180	sr.

### DEFENSE

LT	<b>Kevin White</b>	6-4	267	sr.
	Harold Anderson	6-2	269	sr.
NG	Jeff Harper	6-2	270	jr.
	Tim Burke	6-2	264	fr.
RT	<b>Lee Johnson</b>	6-1	275	sr.
	Rob Harper	6-7	260	jr.
OLB	Jerold Fletcher	6-2	218	jr.
	Stacy Elliott	6-4	225	fr.
ILB	Tom Reiner	6-1	228	so.
	<b>Ron Walters</b>	6-3	238	jr.
ILB	<b>Darren MacDonald</b>	6-1	204	sr.
	Andy Titone	6-0	215	jr.
OLB	<b>Brian Reeves</b>	6-2	210	sr.
	Mike Ringgenberg	6-4	220	fr.
LC	<b>Adrian Jones</b>	6-0	181	sr.
	Darrell Bryant	6-0	195	sr.
SS	Ted LePage	5-11	197	sr.
	Harry Colon	6-0	198	jr.
WS	Leon Fisher	5-11	189	jr.
	Sharron Washington	6-0	205	so.
RC	<b>Otis Smith</b>	5-11	182	sr.
	Jermaine Wilkins	6-3	198	fr.
P	Mike Rookstool	6-2	215	jr.

(returning starters in bold)

## TIGER OUTLOOK

**STRENGTHS:** Running backs, tight end, experienced starting linebackers.

**WEAKNESSES:** Lack of experience at wide receiver and need for depth on offensive and defensive line.

**KEYS TO SUCCESS:** Establishing the top two quarterbacks, finding a receiving corps and adjusting to the new coaching staff and system.

# OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS

## Sanders Gone, Defense Back

**I**s there a more heart-warming sight than a child learning the joys of bike riding, turning to his parents with pride born of mastering a trick and saying, "Look Ma — no hands!"

Oklahoma State's hoped-for point of pride is not something as simple as riding a bike with no hands on the handlebars, but rather to vie for the conference title without Barry Sanders in the backfield. The cry of "Look Ma — no Barry!" would at first seem to be a cry of anguish, but OSU may well hang tough and not drop too far.

Because of O-State's recent offensive firepower, it seems strange to say that success in Stillwater will hinge on defense. But that's what 1989 may hold for Coach Pat Jones.

Last year's Cowboy defense was a huge liability. While the offense was No. 2 nationally in total offense (averaging 515 yards a game), the defense ranked No. 97, giving up 454 yards a game.

Part of the problem was caused by tinkering that went awry. Many players were learning new positions after OSU coaches made position changes the

previous spring to take advantage of individual talent. For example, David Bailey made second-team All-Big Eight in 1987 as an ultra-quick tackle. At times he was dominating. However, at 235 pounds, Bailey also had trouble on odd occasions against power teams, and he entered 1988 as a defensive end. His senior year was disappointing even though he played a position that common football sense indicated he should play better.

Another musical-chairs Cowboy was defensive back Melvin Gilliam, also a senior in 1988, as he moved back and forth between cornerback and safety.

It wasn't that players like Gilliam and Bailey weren't talented and productive in '88. They were. Gilliam broke up nine passes; Bailey made 66 tackles. And it wasn't that the position moves didn't work. It just took time. Too much time.

One change that helped almost immediately was the switch to a 4-3 defensive front at year's end after going with a 5-2 look for most of the season. The new scheme was complemented by an increase in blitzes and stunts. It worked.

What's more, Jones played an extraordinary number of true freshmen, and youngsters like that — no matter how talented they are — need time to adjust to a college system. With time, they did.

When the OSU defense finally clicked, it limited Wyoming (No. 3 nationally in scoring offense at over 41 points a game) to only two touchdowns in the Sea World Holiday Bowl. By then, however, the Cowboys had dug their own grave by over-running plays, missing tackles and being out of position all season — most notably against Oklahoma and Nebraska, two teams that efficiently exploited those mistakes.

Oklahoma State's return to defensive



**QB Mike Gundy could be the league's best.**

respectability starts with that new defensive scheme, a renewed emphasis on aggressive, force-the-issue play, and some talented players in the line.

Tackle Stacey Satterwhite (6-6, 255, so.) is considered by Cowboy coaches to be their next defensive star on a national scale. As a true freshman in 1988, Satterwhite was slowly introduced to varsity action, and by midseason he was contributing often. By season's end, he was starting. Only 12 months earlier, Satterwhite was playing eight-man football in the small Oklahoma community of Welch. Now, Oklahoma State coaches feel he has the potential to be in the same class as two-time All-American Leslie O'Neal, who took the San Diego Chargers and the NFL by storm in 1986 when he was named AFC Rookie of the Year.

Satterwhite had a very impressive spring. OSU coaches at this point have no intention of moving him to another position.

He'll be joined by Shawn Mackey (6-3, 245, jr.) and Brandon Colbert (6-2, 250, jr.), both of whom made it into the Cowboy starting lineup last fall. Colbert was another of the Cowboy defenders who switched positions: he was a noseguard in 1987 before moving to tackle. Colbert made 63 tackles last year and Mackey had 45. They're solid players, but they'll also be challenged for No. 1 status at the tackle position opposite Satterwhite by Proposition 48er Roderick Arthur (5-11, 254, so.).

Ruben Oliver (5-10, 250, jr.) is the returning starter at noseguard and is a promising player despite his lack of bulk.

At linebacker, both starters return, but OSU's main weapon is Sim Drain (6-0, 221, sr.), second-team All-Big Eight by United Press International last season. He was Oklahoma State's leading tackler last year with 89 stops, and he was named Defensive Player of the Game in the Cowboys' rout of Wyoming in the Holiday Bowl.

Torrance Cummings (6-1, 225, sr.) won the other starting linebacker job at midseason when the incumbent starter, Bobby Raynor (6-0, 237, jr.) broke a hand. However, Raynor is now at full speed and will be out to win his job back. Also, redshirt freshman Alvin



**Shawn Mackey is one of three Poke DTs with starting experience.**

Briscoe (6-1, 210) was impressive enough in spring drills to claim a starter's job and will provide valuable depth.

At defensive end, the talented Bailey has used up his eligibility, but Devin Jones (6-1, 212, jr.) returns after starting in 1988. Bailey's spot will be up for grabs with the leading candidate probably being David Brooks. No matter who wins the open end spot, they'll definitely be young.

Seven of eight players who last year dominated the OSU two-deep in the secondary return in 1989. Free safety Rod Smith (6-1, 203, sr.) is the most celebrated of the returnees. Smith was second-team All-Big Eight last fall when he posted 80 tackles and two interceptions, one returned for a touchdown. Smith is a three-year starter and will be a solid performer if he is able to play. However, he may be on the borderline academically, which threatens his eligibility this season.

Strong safety Lamar McGriggs (6-1, 198, sr.) also returns after starting in 1988.

Mike Clark (5-10, 170, so.) was one of the defensive bright spots for Oklahoma State a year ago and won a job at right cornerback. Poke coaches are

projecting him as a potential all-star. Jay Fleischman (5-10, 190, so.) started at free safety as a true freshman in the Holiday Bowl. Joe King (6-3, 180, so.) is back after bobbing in and out of the starting lineup last season.

If Smith can't answer the bell, Jason Juhl (5-8, 171, sr.) could very well take his place.

The overall picture in the secondary is bright if Smith can play. If he does, OSU will have a desirable blend of experience and youthful talent.

So, the Oklahoma State defense of 1989 appears to be much improved. Coach Jones has put emphasis on improvement here in an effort to return to Oklahoma State's recent glory on that side of the ball. As recently as 1984, OSU had one of the best defenses in America. Jones by no means says that his 1989 team will rival the O'Neal-led squads, but he's optimistic. The Pokes have some talent.

With all the defensive enthusiasm in Stillwater, it will be worth tracking the "Cornhusker Comparison" that's been commonplace at Oklahoma State the past two years. It's been an offensive comparison: Oklahoma State of 1988 and Nebraska of 1983 in general and "The Triplets" in particular. That reference has been to NU's Mike Rozier, Turner Gill and Irving Fryar side-by-side with Barry Sanders, Mike Gundy and Hart Lee Dykes. That comparison was also made to a lesser degree in 1987, when OSU had Thurman Thomas at tailback.

Anyway, the irony about Nebraska's high-scoring 1983 team was that its defense was poor-mouthed on a regular basis, yet many players from that maligned team returned in 1984 to help the Cornhuskers lead the nation in total defense. Quite a transformation.

Realistically, though, the defensive situation in Stillwater is quite different. OSU's program does not have as much depth as Nebraska's, which has been structured so that younger players can mature gradually if needed through junior varsity and redshirt systems. In contrast, many young talents at OSU endure a trial by varsity fire in the Big Eight. That happened in '88. Plus, Nebraska's defense of 1983 may have been maligned at times, but it certainly



**Brandon Colbert (91) led all Poke linemen with 63 tackles in 1988.**

wasn't No. 97 in total defense. Look for the Cowboys to be better defensively in 1989, but don't expect to find them at the top of the NCAA charts.

Offensively, there can be little doubt that Oklahoma State has at least one key ingredient to success: quarterback Mike Gundy (6-0, 185, sr.). Despite his record-breaking production in his first three seasons, Gundy has been overshadowed at honors time by veteran quarterbacks at Nebraska and Oklahoma. Both schools are starting relatively inexperienced players this fall, and Colorado's ace signal-caller Sal Aunese has been sidelined with cancer, making Gundy the undisputed celebrity quarterback in the Big Eight. The only

knock against him in three years is that he has not played well in big games against Oklahoma and Nebraska. But that's nothing conspicuously shameful — a lot of quarterbacks suffer sub-par performances against the Big Reds. Still, Gundy will give Oklahoma State a solid start.

Losing Sanders and Dykes to the NFL should slow the Cowboy offensive attack, considering it was one of the nation's best last year and perhaps in the last decade. But there are some talented replacements on hand. Look for Gerald Hudson (5-10, 201, jr.) to take control at tailback. Ironically, it was Hudson who impressed OSU coaches the most in the spring of 1988 as they considered

replacements for the departed Thomas. They knew Sanders was good — they just expected more of Hudson.

Losing Sanders was a blow, but it also hurt dearly to lose his battering ram of a fullback Garrett Limbrick. While O-State's Heisman Trophy winner consistently praised his offensive linemen, he also heaped glory on Limbrick, and for good reason — he was a ferocious blocker. Cecil Wilson (5-10, 216, jr.) is the heir-apparent there, with Mike Aboussie and Vernon Victor offering a challenge.

Despite the loss of Dykes, receiver is one of the deepest and most talented areas on the squad. Brent Parker, Jarrod Green and Robert Kirksey all return at flanker and are capable of making the big play. Green was O-State's second-leading receiver last year with 20 catches and two touchdowns.

Vance Vice (6-5, 247, sr.) returns to start again at tight end.

Taking over Dykes' position will be Lee Keith (6-4, 210, so.), who is considered to be one of the Big Eight's most underrated players. Built like Dykes, Keith is expected to be the target of quite a few Gundy strikes this fall.

Oklahoma State's other big question mark in 1989 will be its offensive line. Last year's line (the self-proclaimed War Pigs) was one of the best in school history, and all five starters have used

## COWBOY QUICK STATS

- In 1987-88, Oklahoma State posted back-to-back 10-win seasons for the first time in school history.
- Mike Gundy needs 617 passing yards to become the Big Eight's career total-offense leader.
- OSU has fewer returning lettermen (39) than any team in the Big Eight.
- In the last 20 years, OSU is 128-94-5 (57 percent) and has gone to eight bowls.

## COWBOYS TO WATCH

**MIKE GUNDY**, quarterback, 6-0, 185, sr.  
**CARY BLANCHARD**, kicker, 6-1, 195, jr.  
**JARROD GREEN**, flanker, 6-1, 200, sr.  
**SIM DRAIN III**, linebacker, 6-0, 221, sr.  
**ROD SMITH**, strong safety, 6-1, 200, sr.  
**BRANDON COLBERT**, defensive tackle, 6-2 260, jr.

## COACH'S QUOTE

**"We're in good condition and squad morale seems to be excellent. We should have some carry-over momentum from the Holiday Bowl win."**

**— Pat Jones**

up their eligibility. Although the loss of that line has often been mentioned when discussing the reasons behind Sanders' defection to the NFL, the OSU coaching staff is not so sure the 1989 version of the War Pigs will drop off significantly — or at all. Trouble is, there's almost no way of predicting with any accuracy how the unit will do because of its inexperience. Cowboy coaches feel good about the line, but they agree it's just a matter of getting on the field and doing it.

When kicker/punter Cary Blanchard (6-1, 200, jr.) gets on the field and does it, he does it very well. As a kick-scorer last year, Blanchard set an NCAA record with 67 PATs in a row. He has All-America potential. Blanchard also handles punting chores, averaging 38 yards a try last year.

Now, all this doesn't mean that OSU will score at the same prolific pace it did last year, but it does seem to hint that the Cowboys will still be adept at putting the ball in the end zone. Exactly how efficient they become may depend on how well the new-look Pokes hold on to the ball. The 1988 team was spectacular in the turnover department. OSU only had 18 (including a microscopic six fumbles) while receiving 35 gifts from foes. That team turnover margin of plus-17 was the third-best in the nation.

Overall, Oklahoma State looks to be slightly below its standard of last year (10-2 overall and 5-2 in the Big Eight) — better on defense, worse on offense — but that should be enough to keep OSU from making a realistic run at Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado for the Big Eight title. The Cowboys are certainly a strong No. 4 in the league. Much will be known about O-State in September, when the non-conference schedule could take its toll. After opening with a mediocre Tulsa team, Oklahoma State travels to Ohio State to face the rebounding Buckeyes, then gets Texas Tech and Wyoming in Stillwater. Questions about the new offensive line will definitely be answered by then, for better or worse.

Then OSU travels to OU and gets Nebraska and Colorado at home. The trick is, the Sooners, Buffs and Huskers get OSU without Barry Sanders. ■

## 1988 RECORD (10-2)

52	Miami, Ohio	20
52	Texas A&M	15
56	Tulsa	35
41	at Colorado	21
42	at Nebraska	63
49	Missouri	21
45	at Kansas State	27
28	Oklahoma	31
63	Kansas	28
49	at Iowa State	28
45	Texas Tech at Tokyo	42
63	Wyoming (Holiday Bowl)	14

## FINGERTIP FACTS

**Head Coach:** Pat Jones  
(entering his 6th year at OSU)

**Lettermen returning:** 36  
(16 offense, 19 defense, 1 specialists)

**Lettermen lost:** 18  
(12 offense, 6 defense)

**Offensive starters returning:** 3

**Defensive starters returning:** 9

**1988 Big Eight finish:** 3rd, 5-2

**Predicted 1989 finish:** 4th

## 1989 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	at Tulsa	(4-7)
Sept. 16	at Ohio State	(4-6-1)
Sept. 23	Texas Tech	(5-6)
Sept. 30	Wyoming	(11-2)
Oct. 7	at Oklahoma	(9-3)
Oct. 14	Kansas State	(0-11)
Oct. 21	Nebraska	(11-2)
Oct. 28	at Missouri	(3-7-1)
Nov. 4	at Kansas	(1-10)
Nov. 11	Colorado	(8-4)
Nov. 18	Iowa State	(5-6)

(1988 record)

## SPRING DEPTH CHART

### OFFENSE

TE	<b>Vance Vice</b>	6-5	247	sr.
	Scott Chaplin	6-5	239	sr.
LT				
LG	Brent Davis	6-3	247	sr.
OC	Pete Surrence	6-3	245	so.
RG	Scott Webb	6-3	270	jr.
RT				
SE	Curtis Mayfield	6-0	176	jr.
QB	<b>Mike Gundy</b>	6-0	185	sr.
	Chris Smith	6-1	190	jr.
TB	Gerald Hudson	5-10	201	jr.
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FL	<b>Jarrod Green</b>	6-1	200	sr.
	Brent Parker	5-11	183	jr.
K	<b>Cary Blanchard</b>	6-1	200	jr.

### DEFENSE

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LT	<b>Brandon Colbert</b>	6-2	260	jr.
NG	<b>Ruben Oliver</b>	5-10	250	jr.
RT	<b>Stacey Satterwhite</b>	6-6	255	so.
	Shawn Mackey	6-3	245	jr.
DE	<b>Devin Jones</b>	6-1	212	jr.
LB	<b>Torrance Cummings</b>	6-1	225	sr.
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LB	<b>Sim Drain III</b>	6-0	221	sr.
	Chris Lowery	6-1	210	sr.
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SS	<b>Lamar McGriggs</b>	6-0	198	sr.
	Jay Fleischman	5-10	190	so.
FS	<b>Rod Smith</b>	6-1	203	sr.
	Fred Gaines	5-0	210	jr.
RC	<b>Mike Clark</b>	5-10	175	so.
	Joe King	6-3	180	so.

(This is OSU's final 1988 2-deep with seniors deleted. School policy is not to release preseason depth charts. Returning starters in bold.)

## COWBOY OUTLOOK

**STRENGTHS:** Receiver, quarterback, kicking game, running game.

**WEAKNESSES:** Finding new players on the offensive line.

**KEYS TO SUCCESS:** Continuing defensive momentum from bowl game, successfully replacing entire offensive line.

# KANSAS STATE WILDCATS

## Starting Over, But Not From Scratch

With a new head coach and a reasonably experienced football team returning, Kansas State may be on the verge of breaking the nation's longest winless streak (27 games). But there doesn't seem to be much evidence to indicate the Wildcats can leapfrog very many (if any at all) of the Big Eight's second-division teams from last year because of steady improvement at those programs.

Still, Kansas State should be a better team than last year.

The renewed hope in Manhattan starts with a new head coach, Bill Snyder, replacing the ambitious Stan Parrish after he submitted a midseason resignation when the frustrating reality of this program clashed intolerably with his ideals of a resurrection. Snyder comes to K-State from Iowa, where he was an assistant coach and the architect behind the Hawkeyes' explosive offense from 1978-88. Snyder's 1983 Iowa offense established 35 school records and finished third in the nation in total offense.

What made 1988 frustrating for Kansas State was losing so many close games. The Wildcats trailed highly touted Iowa by only seven at the half and actually outplayed the Hawkeyes after intermission and got inside the opposing 20-yard line five times (but didn't score once). Five interceptions spelled doom, and KSU eventually lost 45-10.

Then the Wildcats had Tulane on the ropes — scoring with 1:47 left to take a 16-13 lead — but three K-State penalties helped Tulane march 77 yards to get the game-winning touchdown with only seconds remaining. A week later, K-State saw a 28-7 halftime lead dissolve into a 31-28 loss to Louisiana Tech.

Having been outscored 86-13 in the second half of his first four games and having lost them all, Parrish submitted his resignation two days after the Louisiana Tech nightmare, which didn't stop his team from subsequently fighting gamely against Missouri, Kansas and Iowa State.

Kansas State wrapped up its 93rd football season with an overall mark of 0-11 and a Big Eight record of 0-7, marking the ninth winless season in school history. On a good note, though, the Wildcats set or tied 14 offensive records. KSU averaged 234.4 passing yards per game to lead the Big Eight for the first time since 1978, which was also the last time the Cats exceeded 2,000 passing yards in a season.

Quarterback Carl Straw and wide receiver Greg Washington were responsible for most of the offensive fireworks. Straw threw for 1,947 yards, the third-best single-season yardage total by a Wildcat. Only All-American Lynn Dickey (in 1969 and 1970) passed for more yards in a single season. In '88, Straw hit on 191-of-358 passes for a completion percentage of 53.4 (third



**QB Carl Straw threw for almost 2,000 yards last season.**

among league quarterbacks). He threw nine touchdowns but was intercepted 17 times.

Despite the tough year for the team, Washington enjoyed a tremendous season, breaking school records for single-season receptions (69), yards (928) and touchdowns (nine). Washington was at his best against the best — catching 36 passes for 571 yards and five TDs against the five K-State opponents last year that went to bowl games (Colorado, Iowa, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Nebraska).

Both Straw (6-1, 215, jr.) and Washington (5-10, 160, sr.) return in 1989.

That Straw completed as many passes as he did is extraordinary considering the mix-and-match situation that surrounded Wildcat quarterbacks last year and that will likely surface again in 1989. Paul Watson was projected in preseason 1988 as K-State's starter, but he suffered a torn ligament in his right (throwing) shoulder only days before the opener. On top of that, Straw was being pushed for the No. 2 job by Gary Swim, who started eight games in 1987 when he threw for over 1,300 yards.

Still, Straw held on to the starting assignment until the Louisiana Tech game. That's when Watson took over and hit 11-of-20 passes for 278 yards and four touchdowns *in the first half*. Only two weeks later though, Watson aggravated the shoulder injury against Missouri and saw little action thereafter. Straw has held his ground ever since.

That doesn't mean, however, he'll be the uncontested starter this fall. Both Watson (6-2, 190, so.) and Swim (6-3, 215, sr.) sat out spring drills while nursing injuries that are expected to be completely healed by August. Added to the quarterback fray is Chris Cobb (6-3, 190, jr.), who has enough varsity game experience to make it a four-way race. Quarterback is without argument the most talented area of the 1989 Wildcat team.

Elsewhere on offense, the Wildcats return four of five starters from last year's line that was one of the biggest in school history. Those four returning starters average 275 pounds apiece, with center Paul Yniquez (6-3, 280, sr.) leading the charge. He was honorable-

**Elijah Alexander (89) helps give KSU four solid players at end/linebacker.**



mention All-Big Eight last year when the conference was loaded with all-star centers.

The other returning starters are left guard Chad Faulkner (6-2, 270, sr.), right guard Eric Zabelin (6-2, 280, sr.) and right tackle Will McCain (6-4, 275, so.). Their self-proclaimed nickname last year was "The Heavies." That bulk, however, probably would have been more helpful last season if K-State had been a running team, but the passing attack seemed to suffer from a lack of agility in pass blocking at times — especially early in the season — when the line surrendered quarterback sacks at an alarming rate (nine, for example, against Tulane).

Redshirt freshman Toby Lawrence (6-4, 265) is expected to win the starting job at left tackle.

The other wide receiver spot will be filled by Michael Smith (5-10, 155, so.), who caught eight passes last year in a reserve role. Frank Hernandez (5-11, 180, so.) was a part-time starter at wide receiver in 1988 and gave KSU a decent big-play threat, having averaged over 13 yards on his 20 receptions. He'll either start in '89 or play a major role.

Tight end should be a strong point

with the return of Alan Friedrich (6-4, 230, sr.), who caught 32 passes for 288 yards.

All of this aerial talent has not gone unnoticed by Coach Snyder, determined to use a Pro Set offense that will fit his personnel. As far as the running game goes, redshirt junior Richard Boyd (5-7, 170) raised some eyebrows with an impressive spring game, but that still doesn't ease the concern there. While underclassmen accounted for 100 percent of KSU's 2,578 passing yards last year and 79.8 percent of the receiving yards, only 14.7 percent of 1988's total rushing yardage (107 yards per game) was gained by players who return this fall. Because of running back troubles, Boyd is listed both as the No. 1 halfback and the No. 2 fullback, and having a 170-pound fullback in Division I would not appear to be a confidence builder.

Even with seven returning starters, the Wildcat offense still looks like a big-play, one-dimensional attack.

Defensively, the Wildcats seem to have more than a smattering of talented athletes. Defense will give K-State its best hope for winning this fall.

Nine players return with significant starting experience, but none play in the

defensive line where the help is needed most. The likely starters are noseguard Ekwensi Griffith (6-0, 265, fr.) plus tackles John Brown (6-3, 240, so.) and John Crawford (6-2, 250, sr.), who combined for 27 total tackles last year.

If these players or others can transform the front wall into at least a reasonable obstacle, K-State's defense could be decent because of its stand-up players and defensive backs.

Maurice Henry (6-0, 220, sr.) will be starting for the third year but also at his third different position. He was a fullback in 1987, a linebacker in '88 and now the left end. He's very good though, making second-team all-conference last season when he made 110 total tackles and 13 for losses. Henry has 4.6 speed.

Although Henry is the headliner among linebackers and ends, Coach Snyder is also expecting good production from Elija Alexander (6-2, 210, so.), Lorne Whittle (6-2, 200, jr.), James Enin-Okut (6-0, 225, so.), and Brooks Barta (6-0, 190, fr.). All but Barta have starting experience.

In the secondary, every position will overflow with players who have starting experience, although not all of that experience is in the secondary. Let's keep it simple: KSU played a three-man secondary in '88; all the starters return; Snyder has switched to a more traditional 3-4-4 scheme; one linebacker



**Greg Washington is the most prolific Big Eight receiver returning this year.**

and one end who started last fall have been moved to the secondary. And presto! Kansas State has five returning starters and four positions in which to play them.

And considering their past performances, these players provide Snyder with a nice problem. The best

of the defensive backs will be seniors Tyreese Herds (5-11, 200) at corner and Erick Harper (6-1, 215) at safety. Both are four-year starters and both have 4.5 speed.

Danny Needham (6-0, 200, jr.) started last year at defensive end, leading all K-State ends with 78 total tackles and nine behind the line. Now he's a possible starter at free safety. What makes him a possible starter instead of probable starter is that Marcus Miller (5-11, 180, sr.) is expected back this fall after sitting out spring practice with minor injuries. His absence allowed Needham to get the needed repetitions at his new position, and he responded well. Miller, however, has started for three years and will be hard to keep off the field.

In what was a reflection of Kansas State's hard-luck season, Henry and Miller were nominated for Big Eight Defensive Player of the Week (Henry against Tulane and Miller against Tulsa) but each time lost the honor by — of all things — a split vote.

Finally, William Price (6-0, 190, so.) returns after starting at right corner as a redshirt freshman.

What does all this returning experience mean? It's hard to say because it's all relative. If the defending national champion returns nine defensive players with starting experience, look out. But when a team goes 0-11, brings in a new

## WILDCAT QUICK STATS

- KSU and OSU combined for 1,142 yards total offense in last year's game, a 45-27 Cowboy victory.
- Kansas State's downfall in '88 was turnovers, losing 15 fumbles and 24 interceptions.
- Only one receiver in Division I returns with more catches from '88 than Greg Washington.
- Maurice Henry is slated to start at his third position in three years: 1987 at fullback, 1988 at linebacker; and 1989 at end.

## WILDCATS TO WATCH

**GREG WASHINGTON**, wide receiver, 5-10, 150, sr.  
**CARL STRAW**, quarterback, 6-1, 215, jr.  
**PAUL YNIQUEZ**, center, 6-3 275, sr.  
**MARCUS MILLER**, free safety, 5-11, 175, sr.  
**MAURICE HENRY**, defensive end, 6-0, 220, sr.

## COACH'S QUOTE

**"We experienced zero attrition, and that makes me happy. We also inherited a group of players with a great attitude and lots of enthusiasm."**

**— Bill Snyder**

coach and returns most of the players from a unit that ranked next-to-last in total defense among Division I teams, wait and see.

Still, that defensive experience should help Kansas State get pointed in the right direction: mainly North. KSU plays Northern Iowa, Northern Illinois and North Texas State in a non-conference schedule that borders on being tolerable. Sure, those teams combined for a decent 20-15 overall record last year, but they are also undoubtedly beatable.

That beatability should help team morale, which was already rather high during spring practice, and the chances of Kansas State snapping its current 27-game winless streak would appear to be quite good. All three games against the Northmen are in Manhattan.

However, when it comes to the Big Eight schedule, the Wildcats will be at a decided disadvantage no matter how experienced its defense is. You see, the preseason defensive lineup is a markedly small one. The top six linemen on the early two-deep average only 243 pounds per man, and the top eight ends/linebackers average only 204 pounds. Granted, the ranking eight defensive backs weigh in at a relatively hefty 194 pounds, but that will not help against the Big Eight's power-running teams that will frequently feature offensive linemen in the 275-pound range.

K-State will be quick but small.

Coach Snyder will also have to replace graduated kicker Mark Porter, who finished as the No. 4 career scorer in school history, having hit 37 of 54 field goals in four years.

Last year's punter, Shane Pouch, has also used up his eligibility.

Kansas State was painfully young in 1988, often starting as few as five or six seniors in some games, and the result was often error-prone and penalty-marred play. And, realistically, several of the early season losses could have been Wildcat victories if mistakes had been reduced. Since this is Snyder's first head coaching assignment, it's hard to predict the results he can draw from this team. But he appears to have better than average talent by K-State standards, a modest non-conference schedule and players who are eager to win. It's likely they will. ■

## 1988 RECORD (0-11)

9	at Tulsa	35
10	Iowa	45
16	at Tulane	20
28	Louisiana Tech	31
21	Missouri	52
24	at Oklahoma	70
3	Nebraska	48
27	Oklahoma State	45
12	at Kansas	30
7	Iowa State	16
14	Colorado	56

## FINGERTIP FACTS

**Head Coach:** Bill Snyder (entering his 1st year at KSU)

**Lettermen returning:** 43 (24 offense, 18 defense, 1 specialist)

**Lettermen lost:** 22 (9 offense, 10 defense, 3 specialists)

**Offensive starters returning:** 7

**Defensive starters returning:** 9

**1988 Big Eight finish:** 8th, 0-7

**Predicted 1989 finish:** 8th

## 1989 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	at Arizona State	(6-5)
Sept. 16	Northern Iowa	(5-6)
Sept. 23	Northern Illinois	(7-4)
Sept. 30	North Texas St.	(8-3)
Oct. 7	at Nebraska	(11-2)
Oct. 14	at Okla. State	(10-2)
Oct. 21	Missouri	(3-7-1)
Oct. 28	Kansas	(1-10)
Nov. 4	at Iowa State	(5-6)
Nov. 11	at Oklahoma	(9-3)
Nov. 18	Colorado	(8-4)

(1988 record)

## SPRING DEPTH CHART

### OFFENSE

WR	Michael Smith	5-10	155	so.
	<b>Greg Washington</b>	5-10	160	sr.
LT	Toby Lawrence	6-4	265	fr.
	Mike Orr	6-6	235	fr.
LG	<b>Chad Falkner</b>	6-2	270	sr.
	Josh Kolb	6-5	245	fr.
C	<b>Paul Yniquez</b>	6-3	280	sr.
	Eric Herrick	6-4	265	fr.
RG	<b>Eric Zabelin</b>	6-2	280	sr.
	Shawn Fleming	6-4	260	jr.
RT	<b>Will McCain</b>	6-4	275	so.
	Doug Warren	6-5	270	so.
TE	<b>Alan Friedrich</b>	6-4	230	sr.
	Al Jones	6-3	220	so.
QB	<b>Carl Straw</b>	6-1	215	jr.
	Chris Cobb	6-3	190	jr.
RB	Richard Boyd	5-7	170	jr.
	Sonny Ray Jones	5-11	185	so.
FB	Curtis Madden	6-0	215	so.
	Richard Boyd	5-7	170	jr.
WR	<b>Greg Washington</b>	5-10	160	sr.
	Frank Hernandez	5-11	180	so.

### DEFENSE

LE	<b>Maurice Henry</b>	6-0	200	sr.
	Gerald McClellan	6-1	190	fr.
LT	John Brown	6-3	240	so.
	Jody Kilian	6-5	220	fr.
NT	Ekvensi Griffith	6-0	265	fr.
	John Brown	6-3	240	so.
RT	John Crawford	6-2	250	sr.
	Russ Campbell	6-5	245	so.
RE	<b>Elijah Alexander</b>	6-2	210	so.
	Matt Conard	6-7	210	fr.
ILB	<b>Lorne Whittle</b>	6-2	200	jr.
	Reza Tanha	6-0	190	so.
ILB	Brooks Barta	6-0	190	fr.
	<b>James Enin-Okut</b>	6-0	225	so.
LCB	<b>Tyrese Herds</b>	5-11	200	sr.
	Chris Martin	5-11	175	so.
FS	<b>Danny Needham</b>	6-0	200	jr.
	C.J. Masters	6-1	200	fr.
SS	<b>Erick Harper</b>	6-1	215	sr.
	Greg Patterson	6-2	190	fr.
RCB	<b>William Price</b>	6-0	190	so.
	Rogerick Green	6-0	180	so.

(returning starters in bold)

## WILDCAT OUTLOOK

**STRENGTHS:** No attrition, some solid frontline players at receiver, center and quarterback. Entire offensive line returns intact.

**WEAKNESSES:** Lack of success in the past, inexperience in back-field and overall depth, especially on offense. Kicking game.

**KEYS TO SUCCESS:** Installing winning attitude, continued improvement on offense and find depth on defense.

# The Great '80s

BIG EIGHT FOOTBALL IN THIS DECADE HAS HAD ITS SHARE OF MEMORABLE PLAYERS AND TEAMS.

By Mark Owens

**I**t's almost over. In another six months Big Eight football in the 1980s will be complete, thus putting the final touches on a decade full of great teams, great players and great games. The 1980s are close to rivaling the 1970s as a high point in conference football success. Admittedly, Oklahoma and Nebraska combined to win four national championships in the '70s while the '80s have so far produced only a 1985 Sooner title, but the Cornhuskers and OU have combined this decade to at least play in the national championship game five times (NU in 1981-83 and OU in 1985 and '87).

The Big Eight has won a combined six Lombardi and Outland awards this past decade, far outdistancing the nearest competition: the Southeastern Conference with just three of those prestigious honors. Also, no conference has produced more Heisman Trophy winners than the Big Eight, which is tied at the top with the SEC with two.

With a chance to add even more excitement with one season left, it's been a decade of Big Eight football worth remembering...

## INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

**1980** — Missouri quarterback Phil Bradley ends his celebrated career with a league-record 6,459 yards in total offense.

**1981** — Oklahoma State's Larry Roach nails 19 field goals to lead the nation.

**1981** — Center Dave Rimington of Nebraska wins the Outland.

**1982** — Rimington captures the Outland for the second time and finishes fifth in the Heisman balloting while also winning the Lombardi.

**1982** — Tailback Ernest Anderson of

OSU is the nation's leading rusher, gaining 1,877 yards and averaging 5.3 yards per carry. Ironically, he doesn't make first-team All-America, but teammate Gary Lewis, a defensive tackle, does.

**1983** — Tracy Henderson of Iowa State becomes the first Big Eight player in history to catch passes for more than 1,000 receiving yards as he snares 81 passes for 1,051 yards to finish third nationally.

**1983** — Nebraska's Mike Rozier shatters numerous school, league and national records while rushing for 2,148 yards and 29 touchdowns. He is the Big Eight's third Heisman Trophy winner in 15 years. Following Anderson's performance of 1982, the Big Eight has



**QB Phil Bradley of Mizzou still holds the league total-offense record.**

produced the nation's top rusher in back-to-back seasons.

**1983** — Guard Dean Steinkuhler of Nebraska wins the Lombardi and Outland.

**1985** — Oklahoma noseguard Tony Casillas wins the Lombardi.

**1985** — Nebraska's Dale Klein ties the NCAA single-game record with seven field goals against Missouri.

**1985** — As a redshirt sophomore, Brian Bosworth wins the first Dick Butkus award, symbolic of the nation's top linebacker.

**1985** — Kansas quarterback Mike Norseth passes for 480 yards in a 42-16 win over Vanderbilt. He also rushes for 29 yards, giving Norseth the Big Eight single-game records for passing and total offense.

**1986** — Bosworth repeats as the Butkus winner.

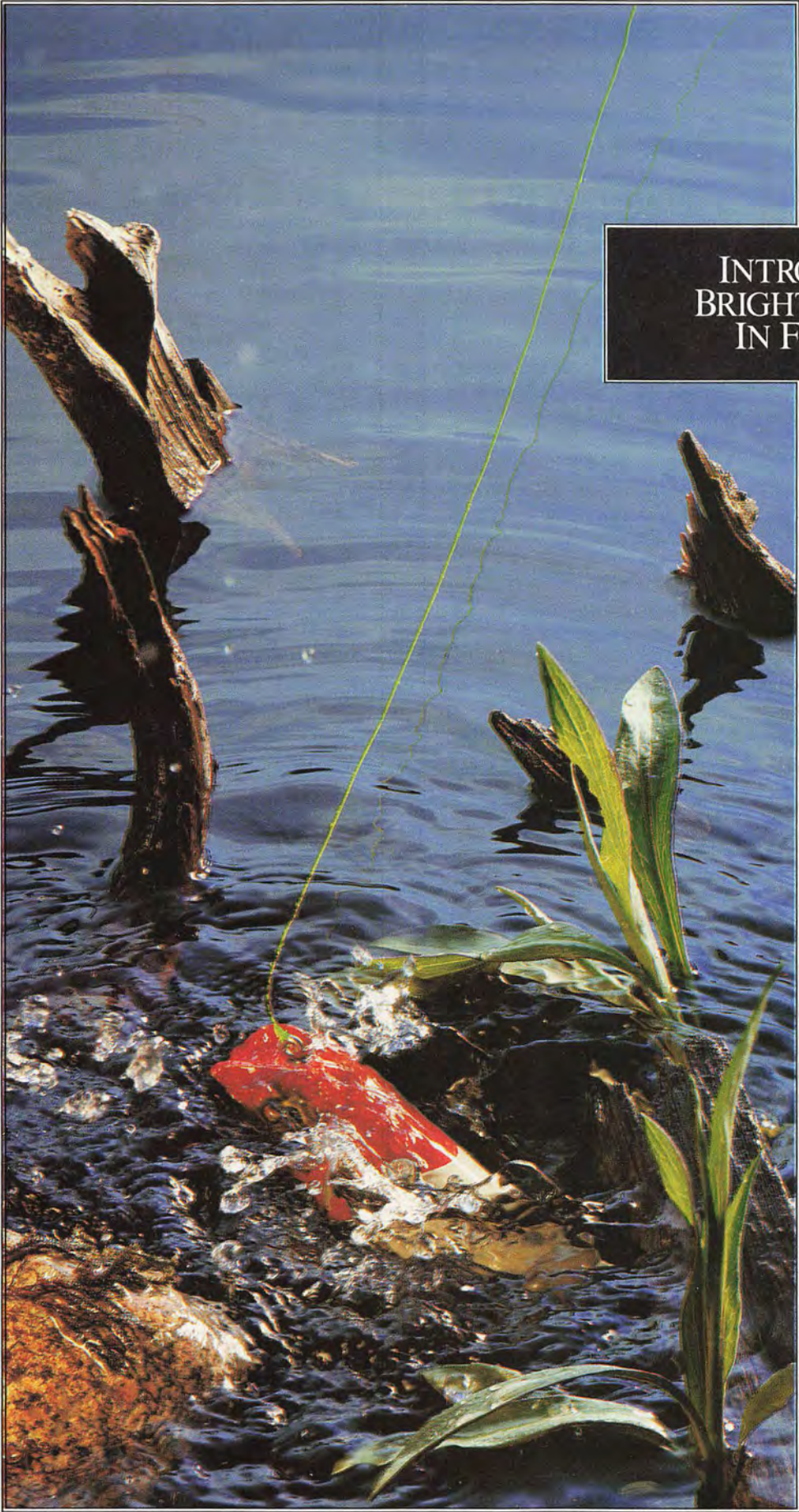
**1986** — Split end Rod Smith of Nebraska leads the nation in punt returns. Smith averages 18.9 yards on his 12 returns, but he is two attempts short of the NCAA qualifying standard (1.2 returns per game). After review, the NCAA declares Smith the winner, citing that he'd still have the highest average if two returns for 0 yards were added to his total.

**1986** — As a true freshman, quarterback Mike Gundy of Oklahoma State sets a Big Eight record by throwing 138 straight passes without an interception.

**1987** — Sooner free safety Rickey Dixon ties for the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back.

**1987** — Barry Sanders of OSU leads the nation in kickoff return average: 31.6 yards on 14 attempts. Two go for touchdowns.

**1988** — Sanders sets college football on its ear with a record-shattering sea-



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son that rockets him from obscurity to the Heisman Trophy. This marks the Big Eight's fourth Heisman winner in 20 years — all running backs.

### TEAM PERFORMANCES

**1980** — Oklahoma sets an NCAA record by rushing for 758 yards against Colorado.

**1982** — Kansas State goes 6-4-1, then is invited to the first bowl in school history.

**1983** — Nebraska's "Offensive Explosion" takes the Cornhuskers to within one game of the national title.

**1984** — One year after leading the nation in total offense and scoring offense, Nebraska leads the nation in total defense (203.2 yards per game) and scoring defense (9.5 points per game).

**1984** — The Big Eight lands three teams among the Associated Press' first seven in its final poll: No. 4 Nebraska,

No. 6 Oklahoma and No. 7 Oklahoma State. UPI picks them even higher: No. 3 Nebraska, No. 5 Oklahoma State and No. 6 Oklahoma.

**1985** — Oklahoma wins the national championship as the Sooner defense stifles previously top-ranked Penn State.

**1985** — OU leads the nation in total defense (193.5 yards per game) and passing defense (103.6).

**1985** — Colorado goes 7-4 and receives a bid to the Freedom Bowl, thus winning the NCAA's unofficial honor as the most improved team in college football, having rebounded from a 1-10 season in 1984.

**1986** — Oklahoma is the first school in NCAA history to lead the nation in six different team categories: rushing offense, scoring offense, total defense, rushing defense, pass defense and scoring defense.

**1987** — The Sooners repeat their feat

of 1986. They lead the same categories, except for finishing No. 8 in rushing defense and capturing the No. 1 offensive scoring title.

**1988** — OU again breaks the NCAA single-game rushing record, this time gaining 768 yards against Kansas State.

### CONFERENCE FEATS

**1984-87** — A Big Eight team leads the nation in total defense for four straight years. Nebraska does it in '84, and OU takes the next three.

**1980-87** — A Big Eight team leads the nation in pass defense six times in eight years. Kansas State did it in 1980 (giving up only 91.4 yards per game through the air); Nebraska led the nation in 1981 (100.1); Missouri was tops nationally in 1982 (123.5); then OU took the honor in 1985-87, each year averaging just over 100 yards per game.

### ALL-AMERICANS

With one year left in this decade, Nebraska leads the Big Eight with 22 All-Americans selected in the '80s. Oklahoma is close behind with 19, followed by Oklahoma State, 10; Colorado and Missouri, three; Iowa State and Kansas, one; and Kansas State with none. The league has produced 50 All-Americans this decade, an average of just over four per season.

### ALL-CONFERENCE

All-Big Eight honors throughout the 1980s (as awarded by AP, UPI and last year the conference coaches) have been distributed as follows:

Nebraska	— 70
Oklahoma	— 57
Oklahoma State	— 38
Missouri	— 23
Colorado	— 21
Iowa State	— 19
Kansas	— 15
Kansas State	— 8

### ON THE RUN

Nebraska and Oklahoma are No. 1 and No. 2 in the nation over the past nine years in rushing offense, and no school in America is close enough with one year left to dethrone the Huskers and Sooners as the two top rushing teams of the 1980s. In this decade, Nebraska has averaged 361.3 yards rush-



A swarming defense led OU to the Big Eight's only national title of the 1980s so far.

ing per game, and Oklahoma has averaged 337.3 yards per contest. The Huskers have led the nation in rushing five times in the '80s, and the Sooners have done it three times. Combined, the two schools have led the NCAA in rushing eight of the past nine seasons. A breakdown of their rushing success and Top 10 ranking on the national charts follows:

**1980** — Nebraska, 378.3 (first); Oklahoma 360.1 (second).

**1981** — Oklahoma, 334.3 (first); Nebraska, 330.5 (second).

**1982** — Nebraska, 394.3 (first); Oklahoma, 338.5 (second).

**1983** — Nebraska, 401.7 (first); Oklahoma, 270 (ninth).

**1984** — Nebraska, 311.1 (third); Oklahoma, 219.4 (unranked).

**1985** — Nebraska, 374.3 (first); Oklahoma, 335.8 (third).

**1986** — Oklahoma, 404.7 (first); Nebraska, 305.5 (second).

**1987** — Oklahoma, 428.8 (first); Nebraska 373.5 (third).

**1988** — Nebraska, 382.3 (first); Oklahoma, 343.4 (fourth).

#### **BIG EIGHT TITLES (won or shared)**

Oklahoma, five: 1980, 1984-87

Nebraska, five: 1981-84, 1988

#### **1980s OVERALL**

With one season left, three Big Eight teams (Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State) each have an overall winning record in the 1980s. Here's a school-by-school look at the won-lost column:

**Oklahoma** — The Sooners are 84-22-2 (for a .777 winning percentage) in all games during the 1980s. In the Big Eight, they're even better, winning 55 of 63 tilts (only seven losses and one tie) for a .881 winning percentage. Oklahoma is 4-4 in bowl games and 24-11-1 (.680) in non-conference play during the regular season.

**Nebraska** — The Cornhuskers are 93-18-0 (.838) during the '80s in all games and 57-6 (.905) in the conference. Having gone to a bowl game every year, Nebraska is 3-6 in postseason play. In non-conference action, the Cornhuskers are 31-7 (.816).

**Oklahoma State** — The Cowboys have the third-best overall record in the



**Nebraska is one of four Big Eight teams to lead the nation in pass defense this decade.**

league during the past decade, winning at an overall .643 clip (66-36-3). Oklahoma State, in fact, has the best bowl record of any league team in the 1980s, winning four of six. O-State's regular-season, non-conference record is 27-9 (.750 percent), while the Cowboys' mark in Big Eight play is a solid 35-25-3 (.579 winning percentage). Eighteen of those league losses have come from Oklahoma and Nebraska.

**Missouri** — The Tigers are a respectable 43-55-4 (.441) this decade despite a recent downturn. That includes a Big Eight mark of 25-35-3 (.420), highlighted by the 1983 team that finished 5-2 and tied for second in the conference race. Early in the '80s, Missouri enjoyed considerable success and was rewarded with three bowl appearances, posting a 1-2 record. In regular-season, non-conference play, the Tigers are a respectable 17-18-1 (.486).

**Colorado** — After some horrid years early this decade, the Buffs have regrouped nicely to post a 39-62-1 overall record (.387 winning percentage) which includes winning records in three of the past four seasons, when CU is 28-19-0 (.596). Colorado is 0-3 in bowls and 14-25 (.389) in non-conference play during the regular season.

**Iowa State** — The Cyclones are 40-55-4 overall with 6-5 seasons in 1980 and 1986 highlighting the past nine

years. Still, ISU is the only league team that hasn't been to a bowl this decade. The Cyclones are 19-40-4 (.333) in conference play, but a stellar 21-15 (.583) in non-conference action.

**Kansas** — The Jayhawks approach the end of the 1980s with a 35-60-6 overall mark (.376 winning percentage) over nine years, including 17-43-3 (.294) in the Big Eight. KU has gone to one postseason game this decade — losing the 1981 Hall of Fame Bowl following a standout 8-3 regular season. Kansas' non-conference record is a respectable 17-17-3.

**Kansas State** — The Wildcats' highlight of the 1980s has been their 1982 Independence Bowl season as they went 6-5-1. Overall, K-State is 20-77-3 (.215) in all games and 10-50-3 in the league. The Wildcat non-conference mark is 10-26 (.278).

In review, the Big Eight is a combined 420-385-20 (.521 winning percentage so far in the 1980s. In non-conference play, league schools have an even better record, winning at a .556 clip (161-128-5). Playing in 31 bowls this decade, Big Eight teams are 12-19 (.387).

Considering that several new coaches have recently come into the Big Eight and appear to have some of the lower-division teams on the rebound, the league is on the verge of an even brighter future in the 1990s. ■

# STAR LIGHT STAR BRIGHT

*The 1989 Preseason All-Big Eight Team  
Hints at Which Stars Will Shine Brightest.*

By Mark Owens



Kelly Donohoe of KU has a chance at all-conference honors.

Individual talent in the Big Eight this fall should be tantalizing even with the departure of Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders for the NFL, and it's still possible the league could produce a Heisman Trophy winner from its stable of fine running backs. Picking a preseason All-Big Eight team uncovers some of those star players, but there are probably at least a dozen youngsters or "sleepers" who will emerge throughout the season as all-star contributors and unseat the more publicized athletes listed below on postseason all-conference teams.

As is the case almost every year, several positions on the preseason All-Big Eight chart are bulging with talent, and some deserving players consequently fall to the second-team. In 1989, the league enjoys an abundance of linebacker/end stars and a wealth of offensive tackles. Talented defensive backs also abound. On the other hand, only a handful of offensive guards enter the season with all-star credentials (and this year's first-team correspondingly features only one guard). Also, the status of Big Eight defensive linemen drops quickly behind a trio of potential superstars. Punter, after five years as a league strong point, is untested at best in 1989.

Still, any NFL head coach would have to believe he could field a solid pro team with either unit of this year's preseason all-conference squad after waiting for the players to finish their college careers, of course.

Overall, the early analysis of league all-star talent indicates that Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado have most of it, but no team dominates the list. A total of nine players who earned first-team All-Big Eight recognition in 1988 (AP, UPI or Coaches) return for the '89 sea-

son. Plus, 25 different players who earned second-team all-league honors are also back. Center Jake Young of Nebraska is the only Big Eight player returning with first-team All-America notice from last year.

## 1989 PRESEASON ALL-BIG EIGHT FIRST-TEAM

### OFFENSE

#### QUARTERBACK

**Mike Gundy (6-0, 185, sr.), Oklahoma State:** It's says something about Big Eight football when Gundy stands a decent chance of being the first, pure drop-back passer to win the league's Offensive Player of the Year award since the wire services started doing so in the early '70s. Strange, but true. Mostly, running backs and/or multi-purpose quarterbacks have won it. Gundy will be pressed by Clark, Bieniemy and others, but the Cowboy QB is awfully good.

#### RUNNING BACK

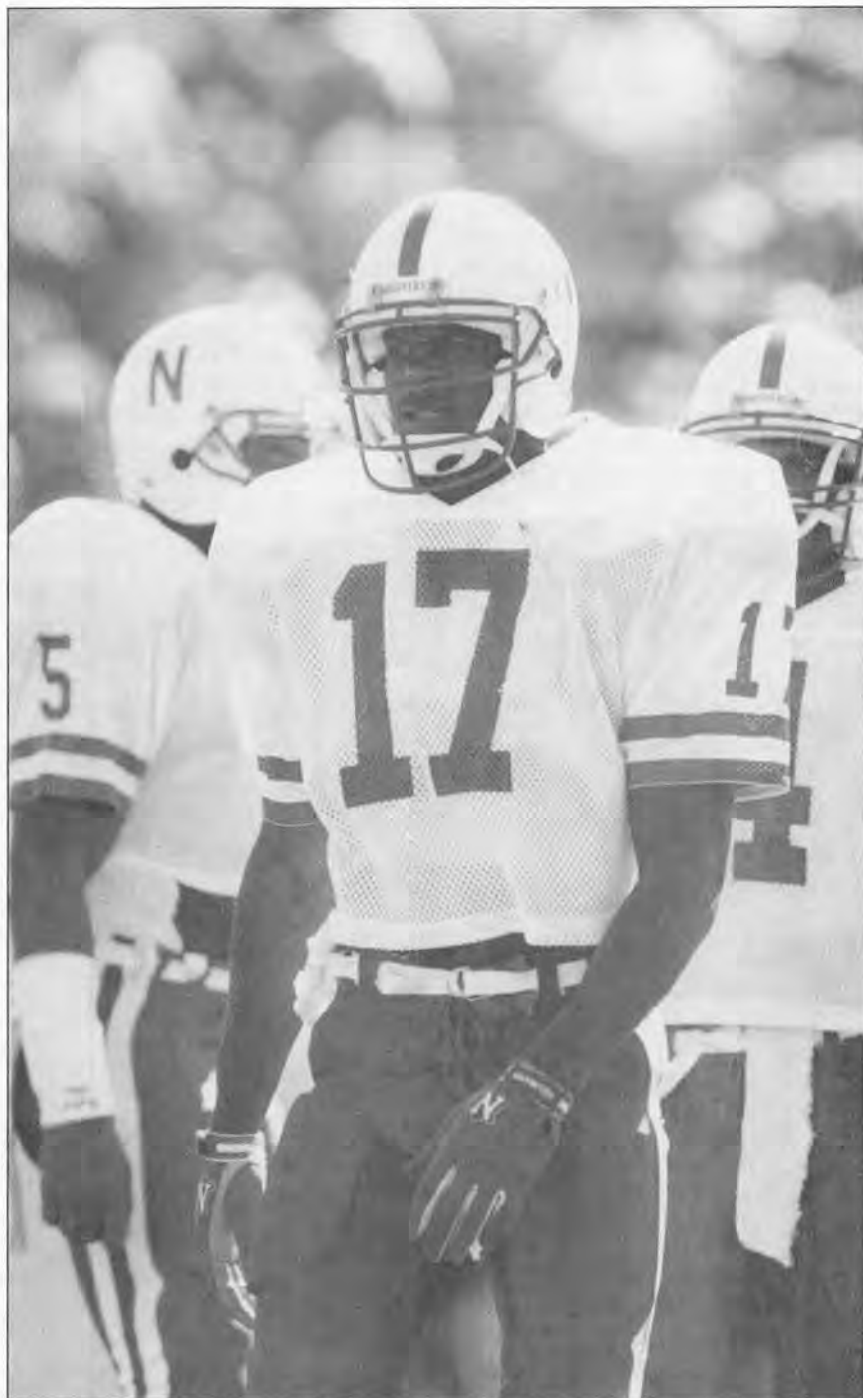
**Ken Clark (5-9, 200, sr.), Nebraska:** The last time a Cornhusker won Offensive Player of the Year in the Big Eight was 1983 when Heisman winner Mike Rozier made it academic. That's quite a drought for a program so renowned for its offensive prowess. While breaking in a new quarterback, Nebraska might do well to move conservatively and just hand off to Clark. He could get a ton of yards.

**Eric Bieniemy (5-6, 190, jr.), Colorado:** A Buff has never won Offensive Player of the Year in the Big Eight, but that could change in 1989 because of Bieniemy's slick moves and tough running. He is, in fact, the most decorated of the league's stellar backs, having gotten third-team All-America mention from *Football News* last year.

**Mike Gaddis (6-2, 205, so.), Oklahoma:** Coach Barry Switzer had the luxury of bringing this youngster along slowly last year as a Wishbone halfback, and he responded well by winning Offensive Newcomer of the Year honors from both wire services. This year, however, Gaddis is the high-profile dot in OU's Power-I.

#### TIGHT END

**Tim Bruton (6-4, 237, jr.), Missouri:** The physically gifted Bruton last year was obscured in the Wishbone attack of



Safety Reggie Cooper leads one of Nebraska's fastest secondaries.

a team with a mediocre record. But Keith Jackson of Oklahoma and Todd Millikan of Nebraska have proven recently that tight ends can shine without gaudy statistics on a running team. However, both were uncanny in the clutch. If Bruton can pop in the clutch, he's a lock for big-time honors.

#### WIDE RECEIVER

**Greg Washington (5-10, 150, sr.), Kansas State:** The only thing that might slow him down would be the usually

awkward transition between new head coaches. Washington had more than 100 yards receiving in eight of 11 games last year in Stan Parrish's scheme. New coach Bill Snyder comes from Iowa, where they have been known to throw.

#### OFFENSIVE LINE

**Center Jake Young (6-5, 260, sr.), Nebraska:** By far the league's most decorated returning player. All-America standing with AP and the Football Writers Association of America last year

will position this three-year starter for a run at the Lombardi/Outland in 1989. No other Big Eight returning player got first-team All-America notice in 1988.

**Tackle Terron Manning (6-2, 285, jr.), Oklahoma:** After winning second-team All-Big Eight honors last year, Manning could really reach his potential if the injury bug of '88 does not return to the Sooner offensive line. Last season for OU was musical chairs in the line, which was not conducive to coordinated play.

**Tackle Doug Glaser (6-7, 295, sr.), Nebraska:** Like Young, this Husker lineman served notice early in his freshman season that he'd be a star. Also like Young, Glaser has not redshirted, another sign of exceptional ability.

**Tackle Mark Vander Poel (6-8, 295, jr.), Colorado:** The Buffs lay claim to having one of the league's best offensive lines, and Vander Poel helps justify their contention. Colorado coaches say he can play at an All-America level.

**Guard Darrin Muilenburg (6-5,**

**285, sr.), Colorado:** A three-year starter, Muilenburg has never redshirted and was one of just three first-year freshmen to play every game in 1986 for CU. Second-team All-Big Eight last year, he is one of the few publicized offensive guards in the conference.

#### KICKER

**Cary Blanchard (6-1, 200, jr.), Oklahoma State:** Hit an NCAA record 67 straight PATs last year and 11 of 12 field goals to quietly ranked 10th nationally in scoring. He was relatively quiet last year because of Barry Sanders and Hart Lee Dykes. But he may be comparatively quiet in 1989 without them.

#### DEFENSE

##### DEFENSIVE LINE

**Tackle Scott Evans (6-3, 251, jr.), Oklahoma:** Having made All-Big Eight as a sophomore, the quick but lightish Evans could develop into one of the league's most decorated down-linemen of the 1980s. He has the versatility to play on the left or right side, and he did both last season.

**Tackle Arthur Walker (6-4, 265, sr.), Colorado:** The up-and-coming Buffs may not have a more motivated player than Walker, who is bent on vastly improving his second-team all-conference effort of 1988.

**Tackle Kent Wells (6-4, 285, sr.), Nebraska:** Wells has the physical potential to do what noseguard Danny Noonan did when he was a consensus All-American in 1986 after not even making all-conference the year before. Wells reinforced that notion with a solid spring.

##### LINEBACKERS / ENDS

**Outside Linebacker Kanavis McGhee (6-5, 240, jr.), Colorado:** Just say UPI second-team All-America in 1988 as a sophomore, and you've said it all.

**Middle Linebacker Mike Shane (6-2, 220, sr.), Iowa State:** He is one of only four returning defenders to win All-Big Eight last year. Prolific tackler. Shane averaged over 15 tackles a game before suffering a knee injury against Nebraska. A healthy Shane should produce stats that are impossible to ignore.



Linebacker Mike Shane (45) of Iowa State averaged over 15 tackles a game last year.



Whether he plays safety or cornerback, Kevin Thompson should be outstanding.

**Outside Linebacker Jeff Mills (6-3, 220, sr.), Nebraska:** Heir apparent on the critical left side to last year's Big Eight Defensive Player of the Year Broderick Thomas. He's relatively young, unredshirted and improving — both as an athlete and team leader. A two-year starter.

**End James Goode (6-4, 233, jr.), Oklahoma:** If Goode can make it through 1989 without injuries, it will be the first time in three years he's not be physically hampered. It will also mean he will probably blossom into the stardom that Sooner coaches have long predicted.

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

**Cornerback Adrian Jones (6-0, 184, sr.), Missouri:** Without question, he is the most decorated of all Big Eight cornerbacks. Jones has accomplished a lot in three years as a starter, and his fourth season could produce All-America accolades.

**Strong Safety Reggie Cooper (6-3, 200, jr.), Nebraska:** Led a senior-dominated secondary in tackles last year as a true sophomore. Tom Osborne has said more than once that Cooper could develop into the best Nebraska's ever had at his position. Animalistic hitter.

**Free Safety Bruce Young (5-10, 200, sr.), Colorado:** He continues an all-star tradition, having made juco All-America two years ago at Long Beach City College then making second-team all-conference last year with the Buffs.

**Kevin Thompson (5-11, 191, sr.), Oklahoma:** It's hard to project Thompson because he has the talent to play both safety and corner, and the Sooners have the need to keep that option open. Last year at free safety, Thompson was second-team All-Big Eight and broke up a league-high 12 passes.

#### PUNTER

**B.J. Lohsen (6-3, 215, sr.), Kansas:** Ranked second in the Big Eight and 28th

nationally with a 41.0-yard average last year. He had three punts of 60 yards or more.

### 1989 PRESEASON ALL-BIG EIGHT SECOND-TEAM

#### OFFENSE

**Quarterback** Kelly Donohoe (6-0, 180, sr.), Kansas

**Fullback** Tommie Stowers (6-3, 216, sr.), Missouri

**Tailback** Michael Jones (6-1, 183, jr.), Missouri

**Tailback** Tony Sands (5-9, 165, so.), Kansas

**Tight end** Mike Busch (6-5, 252, sr.), Iowa State

**Wide receiver** Jarrod Green (6-1, 200, sr.), Oklahoma State

**Center** Mike Wise (6-6, 270, sr.), Oklahoma

**Tackle** Mark VanKeirsbilck (6-2, 270, sr.), Oklahoma

**Tackle** Keith Sims (6-3, 289, sr.), Iowa State

**Guard** Joe Garten (6-3, 280, sr.), Colorado

**Center** Chip Budde (6-2, 255, jr.), Kansas

**Kicker** Jeff Shudak (5-11, 178, jr.), Iowa State

#### DEFENSE

**Tackle** Lee Johnson (6-1, 273, sr.), Missouri

**Noseguard** Dante Williams (6-2, 265, sr.), Oklahoma

**Tackle** Don Edwards (6-3, 230, sr.), Iowa State

**Linebacker** Alfred Williams (6-6, 230, jr.), Colorado

**Linebacker** Darren MacDonald (6-1, 193, sr.), Missouri

**Linebacker** Maurice Henry (6-0, 220, sr.), Kansas State

**Linebacker** Sim Drain III (6-0, 221, sr.), Oklahoma State

**Safety** Rod Smith (6-1, 203, sr.), Oklahoma State

**Cornerback** Bruce Pickens (5-11, 185, sr.), Nebraska

**Safety** Deral Boykin (5-10, 180, so.), Kansas

**Safety** Marcus Miller, (5-11, 180, sr.) Kansas State

**Punter** Judge Johnston (6-0, 183, sr.), Iowa State ■

# 1988 BIG EIGHT TEAM LEADERS

## TOTAL OFFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
(2) OSU	11	803	5667	7.1	66	515.2
(7) NU	12	898	5735	6.4	59	477.9
(22) OU	11	761	4517	5.9	43	410.6
(27) CU	11	739	4379	5.9	39	398.1
(44) MU	11	817	4038	4.9	30	367.1
(62) KSU	11	810	3759	4.6	20	341.7
(86) KU	11	704	3442	4.9	23	312.9
(92) ISU	11	705	3354	4.8	21	304.9

## TOTAL DEFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
(7) NU	12	743	3153	4.2	20	262.8
(30) OU	11	740	3482	4.7	17	316.5
(50) MU	11	730	3847	5.3	43	349.7
(54) CU	11	790	3947	5.0	18	358.8
(69) ISU	11	757	4279	5.7	34	389.0
(97) OSU	11	849	4999	5.9	42	454.5
(103) KSU	11	868	5679	6.5	56	516.3
(104) KU	11	887	5896	6.6	63	536.0

## NET PUNTING

Team	Punts	Avg.	No. Ret.	Yds. Ret.	Net Avg.
(2) CU	55	42.2	20	109	40.2
(6) OU	64	40.9	28	86	39.5
(16) ISU	58	39.4	21	108	37.6
(35) NU	44	40.6	20	178	36.5
(43) OSU	37	37.4	14	65	35.7
(50) KU	61	39.8	31	297	35.0
(80) MU	67	36.6	25	230	33.1
(94) KSU	71	33.0	24	101	31.5

## SCORING OFFENSE

Team	G	Pts.	Avg.
(1) OSU	11	522	47.5
(6) NU	12	474	39.5
(24) OU	11	326	29.6
(31) CU	11	305	27.7
(63) MU	11	234	21.3
(83) ISU	11	195	17.7
(90) KU	11	189	17.2
(96) KSU	11	171	15.5

## SCORING DEFENSE

Team	G	Pts.	Avg.
(7) OU	11	147	13.4
(13) NU	12	182	15.2
(18) CU	11	176	16.0
(59) ISU	11	258	23.5
(84) OSU	11	327	29.7
(85) MU	11	330	30.0
(102) KSU	11	448	40.7
(104) KU	11	496	45.1

## PUNT RETURNS

Team	G	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
(9) NU	12	41	463	3	11.3
(27) OSU	11	14	133	1	9.5
(30) CU	11	30	279	0	9.3
(39) KU	11	7	59	0	8.4
(43) KSU	11	12	99	0	8.3
(86) OU	11	29	165	0	5.7
(100) ISU	11	14	60	0	4.3
(103) MU	11	20	75	0	3.8

## RUSHING OFFENSE

Team	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
(1) NU	12	735	4588	6.2	47	382.3
(4) OU	11	668	3777	5.7	36	343.4
(5) OSU	11	561	3492	6.2	47	317.5
(7) CU	11	614	3095	5.0	34	281.4
(19) MU	11	609	2671	4.4	23	242.8
(42) ISU	11	499	1830	3.7	14	166.4
(68) KU	11	434	1577	3.6	14	143.4
(95) KSU	11	367	1181	3.2	5	107.4

## RUSHING DEFENSE

Team	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
(20) NU	12	461	1535	3.3	10	127.9
(26) OU	11	433	1488	3.4	9	135.3
(45) MU	11	465	1729	3.7	21	157.2
(64) CU	11	477	1960	4.1	12	178.2
(97) ISU	11	523	2652	5.1	28	241.1
(100) OSU	11	512	2733	5.3	30	248.5
(103) KSU	11	605	3499	5.8	39	318.1
(104) KU	11	642	3937	6.1	45	357.9

## KICKOFF RETURNS

Team	G	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
(44) NU	12	41	819	0	20.0
(53) CU	11	23	447	0	19.4
(92) KSU	11	54	920	0	17.0
(94) KU	11	63	1067	0	16.9
(95) OSU	11	40	644	1	16.1
(96) MU	11	44	704	0	16.0
(102) OU	11	29	442	0	15.2
(104) ISU	11	31	466	0	15.0

## PASSING OFFENSE

Team	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Yds. Att.	TD	YPG
(22) KSU	11	443	227	24	51.2	2578	5.8	15	234.4
(44) OSU	11	242	155	12	64.1	2175	9.0	19	197.7
(64) KU	11	270	133	15	49.3	1865	6.9	9	169.5
(82) ISU	11	206	112	15	54.4	1524	7.4	7	138.5
(87) MU	11	208	91	12	43.8	1367	6.6	7	124.3
(91) CU	11	125	54	7	43.2	1284	10.3	5	116.7
(98) NU	12	163	79	9	48.5	1147	7.0	12	95.6
(102) OU	11	93	44	8	47.3	740	8.0	7	67.3

## PASSING DEFENSE

Team	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Yds. Att.	TD	YPG
(6) NU	12	282	123	16	43.6	1618	5.7	10	134.8
(14) ISU	11	234	128	7	54.7	1627	7.0	6	147.9
(43) KU	11	245	157	11	64.1	1959	8.0	18	178.1
(46) CU	11	313	162	17	51.8	1987	6.3	6	180.6
(47) OU	11	307	154	23	50.2	1994	6.5	8	181.3
(62) MU	11	265	141	12	53.2	2118	8.0	22	192.5
(67) KSU	11	263	134	13	51.0	2180	8.3	17	198.2
(75) OSU	11	337	175	16	51.9	2266	6.7	12	206.0

# 1988 BIG EIGHT INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

## PASSING EFFICIENCY

Player and School	Cl.	G	Att.	Cmp.	Cmp. Pct.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Rating Points
Gundy, OSU (2)	Jr.	11	236	153	64.8	12	5.08	2163	9.17	19	158.2
Taylor, NU	Sr.	12	151	72	47.7	7	4.64	1067	7.07	11	121.8
Aunese, CU	Jr.	11	106	44	41.51	5	4.72	1004	9.47	2	117.9
Oberg, ISU	Jr.	11	179	99	55.31	15	8.38	1360	7.60	6	113.4
Donohoe, KU (49)	Jr.	11	258	131	50.78	13	5.04	1844	7.15	9	112.2
Straw, KSU	So.	10	358	191	53.35	17	4.75	1947	5.44	9	97.8
Fitzmaurice, MU	Fr.	9	79	35	44.30	4	5.06	425	5.38	3	91.9

## PUNTING

Player and School	Cl.	No.	Yds.	G	Avg.
English, CU (1)	Sr.	51	2297	11	45.0
Lohsen, KU (28)	Jr.	55	2254	11	41.0
Thomsen, OU (30)	Sr.	64	2617	11	40.9
Kroecker, NU (35)	Sr.	44	1786	12	40.6
Johnston, ISU (47)	Jr.	58	2288	11	39.4
Michalski, MU	So.	65	2425	11	37.3
Pouch, KSU	Sr.	71	2340	11	33.0

## RUSHING

Player and School	Cl.	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Sanders, OSU (1)	Jr.	11	344	2628	7.6	37	238.9
Clark, NU (5)	Jr.	12	232	1497	6.5	12	124.7
Bieniemy, CU (6)	So.	10	219	1243	5.7	10	124.3
Henderson, ISU (23)	Sr.	11	242	1040	4.3	9	94.5
Thompson, OU	So.	11	145	824	5.7	9	74.9
Pickett, KSU	Sr.	10	144	736	5.1	2	73.6
Taylor, NU	Sr.	12	157	826	5.3	13	68.8
Stowers, MU	Jr.	11	143	667	4.7	2	60.6
Flannigan, CU	Jr.	10	88	522	5.9	6	52.2
Perry, OU	Jr.	11	110	546	5.0	6	49.6

## SCORING

Player and School	Cl.	G	TD	PAT	FG	Pts.	PTPG
Sanders, OSU (1)	Jr.	11	39	0	0	234	21.3
Blanchard, OSU (10)	So.	11	0	67	11	100	9.09
Dykes, OSU (19)	Sr.	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Taylor, NU (49)	Sr.	12	13	2	0	80	6.67
Bieniemy, CU	So.	10	10	2	0	62	6.20
Clark, NU	Jr.	12	12	2	0	74	6.17
Henderson, ISU	Sr.	11	10	2	0	62	5.64
Thompson, OU	So.	11	9	2	0	56	5.09
Shudak, ISU	So.	11	0	19	12	55	5.00
Jacke, MU	Fr.	10	0	26	8	50	5.00

## TOTAL OFFENSE

Player and School	Cl.	RUSHING				PASSING		TOTAL OFFENSE				
		Car.	Gain	Loss	Net	Att.	Yds.	Pls.	Yds.	YDPL	TD	YPG
Sanders, OSU (16)	Jr.	344	2670	42	2628	0	0	344	2628	7.64	39	238.9
Gundy, OSU (36)	Jr.	58	119	161	-42	236	2163	294	2121	7.21	22	192.8
Straw, KSU (45)	So.	63	66	260	-194	358	1947	421	1753	4.16	10	175.3
Donohoe, KU	Jr.	81	146	215	-69	258	1844	339	1775	5.24	12	161.4
Taylor, NU	Sr.	157	998	172	826	151	1067	308	1893	6.15	24	157.7
Oberg, ISU	Jr.	102	276	224	52	179	1360	281	1412	5.02	6	128.4
Aunese, CU	Jr.	113	511	114	397	106	1004	219	1401	6.40	10	127.4
Clark, NU	Jr.	232	1535	38	1497	0	0	232	1497	6.45	12	124.7
Bieniemy, CU	So.	219	1290	47	1243	0	0	219	1243	5.68	10	124.3
Henderson, ISU	Sr.	242	1090	50	1040	0	0	242	1040	4.30	9	94.5

## RECEIVING

Player and School	Cl.	Cl.	Yds.	CTPG
Dykes, OSU (4)	Sr.	74	1278	6.73
Washington, KSU (7)	Jr.	69	928	6.27
Ross, ISU	Sr.	39	506	3.90
Vaughn, KU	Sr.	39	812	3.55
Friedrich, KSU	Jr.	31	288	2.82
Smith, KU	Jr.	30	426	2.73
Dillon, KSU	Sr.	28	196	2.55
Busch, ISU	Jr.	27	343	2.45
Bruton, MU	So.	26	447	2.36
Baker, KU	Jr.	26	293	2.36

# 1989 BIG EIGHT CONFERENCE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

PLAYING DATES	COLORADO	IOWA STATE	KANSAS	KANSAS STATE	MISSOURI	NEBRASKA	OKLAHOMA	OKLAHOMA STATE
September 2	*Texas		Montana St.				New Mexico St.	
September 9	Colorado St.	Ohio	Louisville	at Arizona St.	TCU	No. Illinois	Baylor	at Tulsa
September 16	Illinois	Minnesota	Kent St.	No. Iowa	at Indiana	Utah	at Arizona	at Ohio St.
September 23		Iowa	at Baylor	No. Illinois	Miami, Fla.	at Minnesota		Texas Tech
September 30	at Washington	at Tulane	OKLAHOMA	No. Texas St.	at Arizona St.	Oregon St.	at KANSAS	Wyoming
October 7	MISSOURI	at KANSAS	IOWA ST.	at NEBRASKA	at COLORADO	KANSAS ST.	OKLA. ST.	at OKLAHOMA
October 14	at IOWA ST.	COLORADO		at OKLA. ST.	NEBRASKA	at MISSOURI	Texas at Dallas	KANSAS ST.
October 21	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	at COLORADO	MISSOURI	at KANSAS ST.	at OKLA. ST.	at IOWA ST.	NEBRASKA
October 28	at OKLAHOMA	at NEBRASKA	at KANSAS ST.	KANSAS	OKLA. ST.	IOWA ST.	COLORADO	at MISSOURI
November 4	NEBRASKA	KANSAS ST.	OKLA. ST.	at IOWA ST.	at OKLAHOMA	at COLORADO	MISSOURI	at KANSAS
November 11	at OKLA. ST.	at MISSOURI	at NEBRASKA	at OKLAHOMA	IOWA ST.	KANSAS	KANSAS ST.	COLORADO
November 18	at KANSAS ST.	at OKLA. ST.	at MISSOURI	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	at NEBRASKA	IOWA ST.

\* Monday, Sept. 4

# A Real, Live College

*An 1883 newspaper editorial planted the seed of a football tradition worth remembering.*

By Mike Babcock

**A**s Nebraska's football program celebrates its 100th season, here are 100 significant dates:

**1883** — The editor of a University of Nebraska student newspaper writes: "If a football team could be formed, we might in years to come, have enough college enthusiasm to designate ours a real college and not a gathering place for those who do not know what a live college should be."

**1889** — Students play football on the Nebraska campus for the first time.

**Nov. 15, 1890** — The Omaha YMCA challenges Nebraska to a football game, offering two-thirds of the gate receipts and travel expenses as inducements to accept.

**Nov. 27, 1890** — Nebraska's first football game is played on Thanksgiving against the Omaha YMCA in Omaha. Nebraska wins 10-0, scoring three safeties and one touchdown.

**Feb., 1890** — Nebraska defeats Doane College in Crete 18-0 as George Flippin, considered the first black to play major college football, scores three touchdowns.

**Dec. 28, 1891** — The Interstate League is formed at a meeting in Kansas City, Mo., including the state universities of Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri.

**1892** — Nebraska gets a 1-0 forfeit victory over Missouri, which refuses to play against a black, George Flippin.

**1893** — Nebraska hires its first salar-



**Dennis Claridge**  
eludes a tackle en route  
to a 68-yard TD in Bob  
Devaney's first Orange Bowl.

**Coach Bill Jennings and Nebraska snapped OU's 74-game league win streak in '59.**



ied football coach, Frank Crawford, who receives \$500 in tuition. Nebraska also institutes its first admission charge for football games. A ticket costs 25 cents.

**1894** — Nebraska wins the Interstate League championship.

**1898** — Nebraska hires Fielding Yost as its football coach.

**1900** — Nebraska hires W.C. "Bummy" Booth to coach its football team. Booth spent the three previous seasons coaching at Princeton.

**1900** — Charles Sumner "Cy" Sherman of the *Lincoln Star* newspaper gives Nebraska's athletic teams the nickname Cornhuskers. Prior to 1900, the teams were known by various nicknames, among them Bugeaters, Antelopes, Old Gold Knights and Rattlesnake Boys.

**1901** — Nebraska applies for membership in the Big Nine Conference, the forerunner of the Big Ten. The application is rejected. Nebraska would apply for Big Nine membership again in 1912, with the same result.

**1901** — Bummy Booth's second Nebraska team defeats Missouri 51-0 in the seventh game of the season in Omaha, the first of 27 consecutive victories carrying into the 1904 season.

**Oct. 18, 1902** — Nebraska defeats Minnesota for the first time, winning 6-0 in Lincoln on the way to an undefeated, untied and unscored-upon season. The Cornhuskers are 10-0.

**1903** — Nebraska defeats Illinois 16-0 to complete a second consecutive undefeated, untied season. The Cornhuskers allow only 17 points in 11

games.

**1906** — Nebraska records victory No. 100, defeating Creighton 17-0.

**1907** — Nebraska joins the Missouri Valley Conference and hires a new head coach, W.C. "King" Cole.

**1910** — Nebraska scores the most points in school history, defeating the Haskell Indians 119-0 in the final game of the season.

**1911** — Ewald O. "Jumbo" Stiehm arrives from Wisconsin to coach Nebraska's football team. In five seasons, the vaunted "Stiehm rollers" compile a 35-2-3 record and win, or share, five Missouri Valley titles.

**1912** — Nebraska begins a 34-game unbeaten string with a 41-0 victory over Adrian.

**1914** — Tackle Vic Halligan becomes Nebraska's first All-American football player.

**Nov. 11, 1922** — Nebraska defeats Notre Dame 14-6 in the final game on Nebraska Field, as 16,000 watch from wooden bleachers.

**Oct., 1923** — Nebraska dedicates Memorial Stadium with a 0-0 tie against Kansas. The new stadium seats 31,000.

**Nov. 10, 1923** — Ed Weir leads Nebraska to a 14-7 upset victory over Notre Dame and its famed Four Horsemen.

**1923** — Nebraska records victory No. 200, defeating Kansas State 34-12.

**1925** — E.E. Bearg's first Nebraska team defeats Illinois and Red Grange, the legendary Galloping Ghost, 14-0 in

the season opener at Champaign, Ill.

**Nov. 26, 1925** — Nebraska defeats Knute Rockne's Notre Dame team 17-0 in Memorial Stadium, in the final game of Ed Weir's collegiate career.

**May 19, 1928** — Nebraska joins Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma and Iowa State in forming the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association, which becomes known as the Big Six.

**1928** — Nebraska wins its first Big Six Conference championship.

**1929** — Nebraska hires D.X. Bible away from Texas A&M to coach its football team.

**1933** — D.X. Bible's Cornhuskers finish the season with an 8-1 record and are ranked second in the nation by the Dickinson Rating System.

**1936** — Nebraska finishes the season with a 7-2 record and is ranked ninth in the nation by the Associated Press.

**1937** — Lloyd Cardwell, Sam Francis and Les McDonald are the first Cornhuskers to be selected in the first round of the National Football League draft.

**1940** — Nebraska records victory No. 300, defeating Pittsburgh 9-7.

**1940** — Nebraska finishes the regu-

lar season with an 8-1 record and is ranked seventh in the nation by the Associated Press. The Cornhuskers' only loss was to Minnesota, 13-7, in the opener.

**Jan. 1, 1941** — Nebraska plays in its first postseason bowl game, losing to Stanford in the Rose Bowl, 21-13. The audience of 92,000 is the largest ever to attend a Nebraska football game.

**1951** — All-American Ed Weir and former coaches D.X. Bible and Fielding Yost are Nebraska's first inductees in the National Football Hall of Fame.



**Despite losing once, the 1983 Huskers (and I-back Mike Rozier) rank as all-time greats.**

**Nov. 30, 1951** — Nebraska plays in its first night football game, losing on the road to Miami 19-7.

**Sept. 19, 1953** — Nebraska plays in a nationally televised football game for the first time, losing to Oregon 20-12 in Memorial Stadium on NBC.

**Jan. 1, 1955** — Nebraska plays in the Orange Bowl for the first time, losing to Duke 34-7.

**Oct. 31, 1959** — Nebraska snaps Oklahoma's 74-game unbeaten streak in conference play, defeating the Sooners 25-21 in Lincoln for homecoming.

**1960** — Don Fricke and Pat Clare are the first Cornhuskers to be named Academic All-Americans.

**1962** — Bob Devaney is hired to replace Bill Jennings as head coach.

**Sept. 22, 1962** — Bob Devaney gets his first coaching victory at Nebraska as the Cornhuskers whip South Dakota

53-0.

**Nov. 3, 1962** — Nebraska's NCAA-record string of consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium begins as a homecoming crowd of 36,501 watches Missouri hand the Cornhuskers their first loss of the season, 16-7.

**Dec. 15, 1962** — Bob Devaney's first Cornhusker team defeats Miami 36-34 in the Gotham Bowl at a frigid Yankee Stadium in New York City.

**1963** — Nebraska wins its first Big Eight Conference championship.

**Jan. 1, 1964** — Quarterback Dennis

Claridge runs 68 yards for a touchdown and Dave Theisen kicks an extra point and two field goals to give Nebraska its first Orange Bowl victory, 13-7 over Auburn.

**1964** — The south end-zone section of Memorial Stadium is built, increasing seating capacity to 48,000.

**Oct. 31, 1964** — Nebraska records victory No. 400, defeating Missouri 9-0.

**Jan. 1, 1965** — Nebraska plays in its first Cotton Bowl, losing to Arkansas on a fourth-quarter touchdown, 10-7.

**1965** — The center portion of the north end-zone section of Memorial Stadium is built, increasing seating capacity to 53,000. A year later, both wings of the north end zone section are completed, increasing the capacity to 65,000. The stadium is now a bowl.

**Jan. 1, 1966** — Nebraska loses to Bear Bryant's Alabama team 39-28 in

the Orange Bowl.

**Jan. 2, 1967** — Nebraska plays in its first Sugar Bowl, losing to Bear Bryant's Alabama team 34-7.

**1969** — Nebraska defeats Kansas 21-17 to begin a 32-game unbeaten streak, which ends in the 1972 opener with a 20-17 loss at UCLA.

**Dec. 20, 1969** — Nebraska plays in its first Sun Bowl, defeating Georgia 45-6.

**1970** — Artificial turf is installed in Memorial Stadium.

**Jan. 1, 1971** — Nebraska defeats LSU 17-12 in the Orange Bowl to complete an undefeated season and win the mythical national championship for the first time. The only blemish on the Cornhuskers' season is a tie with USC.

**Nov. 25, 1971** — Nebraska defeats Oklahoma 35-31 in Norman, Okla., the game considered by many experts as the "Game of the Century."

**Dec. 1971** — Larry Jacobson becomes Nebraska's first Outland Trophy winner.

**Jan. 1, 1972** — Nebraska defeats Bear Bryant's Alabama team 38-6 in the Orange Bowl to complete a 13-0 season and win a second consecutive national championship. The victory is Bob Devaney's first over the Bear.

**1972** — The south end-zone section of Memorial Stadium is expanded, adding 9,400 seats and increasing seating capacity to 73,650.

**Nov. 18, 1972** — Bob Devaney gets his 100th Nebraska coaching victory, 59-7 over Kansas State.

**Dec. 1972** — Johnny Rodgers becomes the first Heisman Trophy winner in Nebraska history, and Rich Glover becomes the first Cornhusker to win both the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award.

**Jan. 1, 1973** — Johnny Rodgers scores four touchdowns and passes for another to lead the Cornhuskers to a 40-6 victory over Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, Bob Devaney's final game as Nebraska's head coach.

**1973** — Tom Osborne is Bob Devaney's hand-picked replacement as head coach.

**1973** — The athletic office building, which includes dressing and training facilities for the varsity football team, is completed at the south end of Memori-

al Stadium.

**Sept. 8, 1973** — Tom Osborne gets his first victory as a head coach, 40-13 over UCLA in Lincoln. The game is nationally televised by ABC.

**Jan. 1, 1974** — Tom Osborne's first Nebraska team records the Cornhuskers' first Cotton Bowl victory, 19-3 over Texas.

**Dec. 31, 1974** — Nebraska rallies from a 10-0 halftime deficit to record its first Sugar Bowl victory, defeating Florida 13-10.

**Oct. 25, 1975** — Nebraska records victory No. 500, defeating Colorado 63-21.

**Dec. 26, 1975** — Nebraska makes its first appearance in the Fiesta Bowl, losing to Arizona State 17-14.

**Dec. 31, 1976** — Nebraska makes its first appearance in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl, defeating Texas Tech 27-24.

**1977** — New artificial turf and a scoreboard above the north stadium are installed.

**Dec. 19, 1977** — Nebraska makes its first appearance in the Liberty Bowl, defeating North Carolina 21-17.

**Jan. 1, 1979** — Nebraska loses a Big Eight season's rematch against Oklahoma 31-24 in the Orange Bowl.

**Jan. 1, 1980** — Nebraska loses to Houston in the Cotton Bowl, 17-14.

**Dec. 27, 1980** — Nebraska defeats Mississippi State in the Sun Bowl, 31-17.

**1981** — A new strength complex is built in the West Stadium. In 1985, dining and study areas are completed in the West Stadium.

**Dec., 1981** — Dave Rimington becomes Nebraska's third Outland Trophy winner.

**1981** — Bob Devaney is inducted into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

**Jan. 1, 1982** — Nebraska loses to eventual national champion Clemson, 22-15, in the Orange Bowl.

**Dec., 1982** — Dave Rimington is the first Cornhusker to win back-to-back Outland Trophies and the second to win both the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award in the same season.

**Jan. 1, 1983** — Nebraska defeats LSU in the Orange Bowl, 21-20.

**Aug. 29, 1983** — Nebraska defeats Penn State 44-6 in the first Kickoff Classic at Giants Stadium in East Ruther-

ford, N.J.

**Sept. 24, 1983** — Tom Osborne gets his 100th coaching victory, 42-10 over UCLA in Lincoln.

**Nov. 26, 1983** — Mike Rozier rushes for 205 yards in a 28-21 victory over Oklahoma to finish the regular season with a school-record and NCAA-leading 2,148 yards.

**Dec., 1983** — Mike Rozier becomes Nebraska's second Heisman Trophy winner and Dean Steinkuhler wins both the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award.

**Jan. 2, 1984** — Nebraska rallies from deficits of 17 and 14 points but comes up a two-point conversion short, losing to Miami 31-30 in the Orange Bowl. The loss snaps a 22-game winning streak.

**April, 1984** — Irving Fryar is the first Cornhusker to be the No. 1 pick in the National Football League draft.

**Jan. 1, 1985** — Nebraska defeats LSU in the Sugar Bowl, 28-10.

**Nov. 2, 1985** — Nebraska records vic-

tory No. 600, defeating Kansas State 41-3.

**Jan. 1, 1986** — Nebraska loses to Michigan in the Fiesta Bowl.

**Sept. 6, 1986** — Nebraska defeats Florida State 34-17 in the first night game played in Memorial Stadium.

**Jan. 1, 1987** — Nebraska defeats LSU for a fourth consecutive time and third in five years in a postseason bowl game, winning 30-15 in the Sugar Bowl.

**Nov. 21, 1987** — The largest crowd in Memorial Stadium history (76,663) watches Nebraska lose to Oklahoma 17-7.

**Jan. 1, 1988** — Nebraska loses to Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl, 31-28.

**Aug. 27, 1988** — Nebraska becomes the first team to make a repeat appearance in the Kickoff Classic, defeating Texas A&M 23-14 in Giants Stadium.

**Jan. 2, 1989** — Nebraska loses to Miami in the Orange Bowl, 23-3, but continues its NCAA-record streak of 20 straight bowl appearances. ■

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**T**he new lean and mean campaign for the football team netted great results for the football players and had a great effect on the coaching staff.

Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride shed 30 pounds during winter conditioning and is looking as trim and fit as when he played for Colorado in the early 1960s. Recruiting coordinator Jack Pierce has also taken up jogging with new linebacker coach Kevin Steele.

**Construction has begun on the new** weight room expansion and the remodeling that will make Nebraska's weight room the largest in the country. The new weight room will include a sprint track, an aerobics room and a steel-reinforced wall on which to throw medicine balls for developing different sets of muscles, NU strength coach Boyd Epley said. The Hewitt Center academic wing is also undergoing some remodeling that will provide more room for career counseling and planning, as well as space for more computers.

**The spring race for quarterback** started with six possibilities and now there is a seventh. Gerry Gowski, Mickey Joseph, Mike Grant, Keithen McCant, Jerry Dunlap, Tom Haase and little-known Joe Cornwell battled for the position.

Cornwell, a walkon from Missouri, was injured prior to the start of freshman football last year but has proven himself this spring and will work with the freshman team this fall. Coach Tom Osborne said he would seek a hardship ruling for Cornwell so he would have four more years of eligibility.

**Senior-to-be noseguard Mike Murray** has worked his way back up to the top of the depth chart. Along the way he was named Lifter of the Year by a vote of his teammates. At 5-10, 240-pounds, Murray posted a team record in the strength index last year and posted the highest strength index this spring despite a sore rib cage.

"I've been working hard to find myself again," said Murray. "Everything kind of went down the tubes after the UCLA game last year (when he was a starter and never started again), and I was kind of lost. But I've gotten my head together and I'm ready to play."

The improvement at noseguard, by

Murray, as well as Brian Edgren and Pat Engelbert, has eliminated some of the prespring concerns Osborne had about the position.

**Nebraska secondary coach George Darlington** said last year's pass defense was the best in NU history. He said this year's group may be more talented and is certainly faster. "It's just a matter of experience, now," he said.

**NU kickers Chris Drennan and Gregg Barrios** said they were not concerned about the new rule banning kicking tees for field goals. Drennan used a one-inch tee in the past and said the difference is insignificant. Barrios is still hampered by a strained knee suffered the first time he tried kicking off the ground. But he said the difference in length of field goals should be minimal.

**After intensive investigation, Tom Osborne** was able to determine that the Cornhuskers who took the Wonderlic Evaluation test for the NFL scouts were underscored by *The Sporting News* in an article that had the Huskers ranked at the bottom of the top 20 teams tested. He determined that Nebraska did much better than reported.

**Jeff Mills may be the new spiritual** leader of the defense after the departure of Broderick Thomas. He not only switched to Thomas' position at left outside linebacker, but he has been the locker room leader for the defense with emotional speeches after some of the spring scrimmages. Mills started 13 games last fall at right outside linebacker.

**Senior tight end Monte Kratzenstein** said he is impressed with the incoming talent the Huskers have at tight end. "It's a good thing I came to Nebraska when I did, Kratzenstein said. "We've got some pretty unbelievable players. William Washington — he's a player. I can't believe this is his first spring. And Chris Garrett is going to be great. From what I've heard, the two tight end recruits (Billy Wade and Johnny Mitchell) are just as good."

"We may have lost Todd Millikan and I have just one year left, but the tight end situation is going to be great for a long time to come."

**Although injuries slowed Ken Clark** at the end of spring practice, the All-

Big Eight back said he is looking forward to better things next year. "I think I'm capable of 1,500 yards or better," he said.

**Freshman linebacker Mike Petko** continues to impress the coaching staff. "I only have to go hard for seven seconds a play. I just let it all go and get a little crazy," he said.

**Regarding the draft, Osborne** said he was surprised by some of the procedures of the NFL teams. "They spend all that money, time and effort in evaluation and then I get a call the day before the draft and the head coach of a team is asking if our guy is any good. That doesn't make any sense," he said.

**NU receivers coach Ron Brown** has established an award for Husker receivers. The award is the "unselfish player" award which is a gift presented in the player's name to the YMCA Big Brothers-Big Sisters campaign. The award is given for blocking and executing the offensive plays even if there is no pass thrown to the receiver.

**Osborne said he had never put his** team through a tougher spring, but there was a reason. "I think we've done a lot of hitting this spring. Overall, this has probably been the hardest spring we've put in from the standpoint of contact and just the lengths of the workouts and the uncommon weather. It's the hottest spring ever. And it's been the hardest spring. But we're trying to build a team, and this is the best way I know how."

**Passing, passing and more passing.** Most of the spring offense set up by Osborne and staff was involved with improving the passing attack. The Huskers averaged more than 40 passes each scrimmage, and with a good amount of success. Despite the spring game completion percentage of less than 40 percent and a troublesome eight interceptions, Osborne said he is confident the new pass plays and new passing attack (used in all scrimmages but the spring game) should be more effective in combating the blitz next year.

**With three new starters (Marvin Sanders, Tahaun Lewis and Bruce Pickens)** joining him, Reggie Cooper feels the secondary is much improved. "We've got speed and now we're getting experience," Cooper said. "Now, we're becoming a team." ■



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# *Dr. Butkus* and Mr. Chris

LINEBACKER CHRIS CALIENDO IS A CAREFREE LAD WHO TURNS INTO A MONSTER ON GAME DAY.

By Pat Quinn

**T**ough by nature. Strong, quick and very physical. One of the most aggressive players at his position. These are the terms being used to describe veteran Nebraska linebacker Chris Caliendo, who (on the heels of seven straight starts) plans to continue the string of successful appearances in

1989.

These accolades are just what fans who live and breathe Nebraska football are accustomed to seeing in Lincoln's Memorial Stadium. But, off the field, the 6-3 by 240-pound Husker senior-to-be claims, "I'm just a kid in college having a good time.

"Sure, on the field it's different, maybe even like war. Off the field I try to be a nice guy. You know, be everyone's friend."

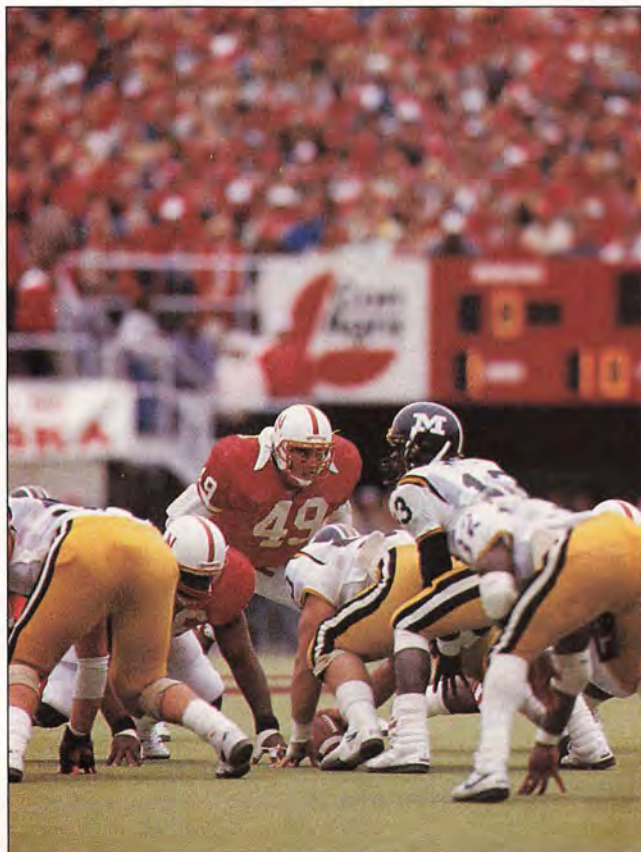
That would be hard to prove to many running backs, particularly those at Missouri, who were tattooed by Caliendo last year with 15 tackles... (12 of them unassisted)... in a brutal tussle Nebraska survived 26-18. Last year, he ousted teammate and friend Pat Tyrance for a starting job, but he faces the grim reality of "a bad practice, or two, and I know I'm out of a starting job."

But he turns as soft as sun-soaked putty when he goes to his Lincoln apartment and is greeted by his Labrador retriever named Bear or visits his daughter, Alexandra, who he says, "Is the most beautiful little girl in the whole world."

Caliendo is one of twin boys born to an Italian father, Chuck, and a Russian mother, Nancy, in the Milwaukee suburb of Brookfield. His twin, Cary, plays defensive end for former Husker assistant Jerry Pettibone at Northern Illinois and will be in harness when the Huskers open against the Huskies on Sept. 9 in Lincoln.

"Cary and I were held back in the second grade, and from that time on we basically dominated all the sports we played in grade and junior high school," Caliendo recalls. "We played a lot of basketball and baseball but no organized football until the ninth grade."

He even lettered in golf two years as



**Chris Caliendo (49) tattooed Missouri with 15 tackles last year.**

a schoolboy, although he laughingly admits, "It was a miracle whenever I broke 90." Then he adds, "I could dunk the ball when I was a freshman in high school, so, naturally I played center."

"Even as a senior, I was the only player on the team who could handle a two-handed, backhand dunk shot, but I couldn't shoot squat when I got away from the basket."

Caliendo has always had mouth-watering leaping ability. In fact, just before the 1989 spring practice started in Lincoln, he set a Husker vertical leap record for linebackers with a 37-inch explosion. The previous mark was 36 inches, set by three-time All-Big Eight Conference linebacker Marc Munford.

The only grid experience he had until the ninth grade was "a lot of backyard football," but as a high school sophomore he played defensive and offensive end. As a junior, he started as a center and defensive tackle and started the same positions his senior year. Midway through his senior year, a starting linebacker was injured and Caliendo was tapped to fill in.

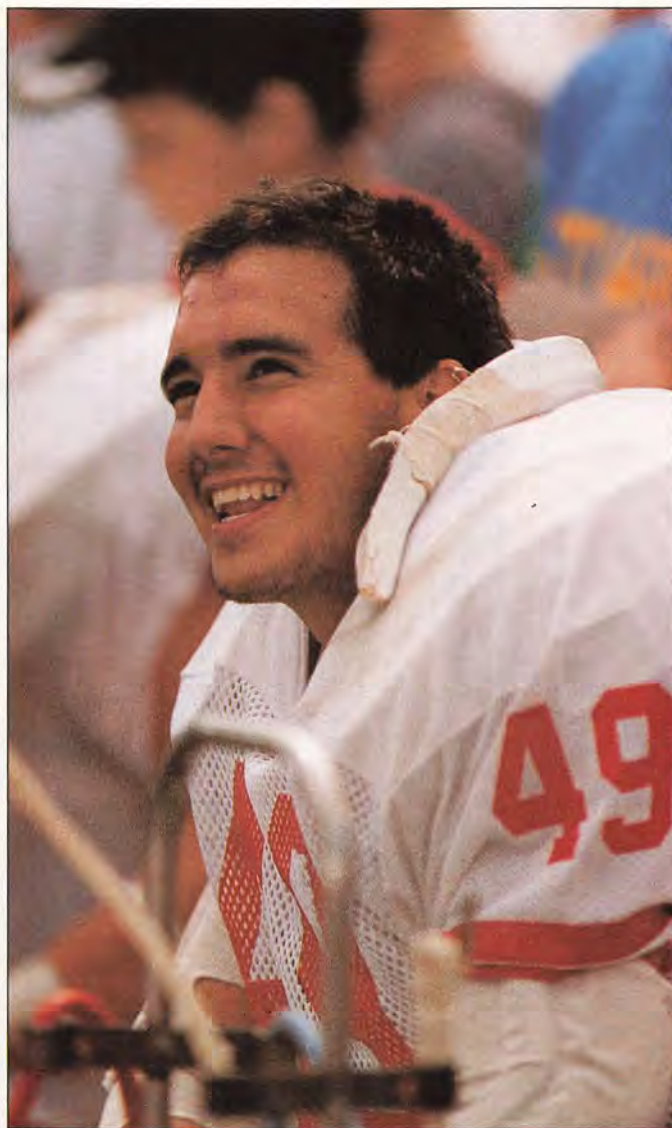
"This was the first time I ever played linebacker in my life," Caliendo says. "I was about 6-2 and 215 at the time, and the biggest thrill I had in high school was when we beat Nominee Falls (14-7), the team everyone said was a cinch to win the state and give East High School its first football conference championship ever."

He and his twin brother were the object of a lot of recruiting affections, and according to Chris, "Recruiting was a real hoot. Whenever Coach Jeff Kinney (former Husker running back and an aide on Pettibone's Northern Illinois staff) recruited Cary, he always told me if I didn't go to Northern, I'd better go to Nebraska."

It wasn't a dead cinch he would go to Nebraska. Chris had thinned out all of the offers to the Huskers and Minnesota. He remembers, "Minnesota had the most unbelievable facilities you've ever seen. The dressing room was so fancy it seemed you ought to wear a tie every time you went in there."

"But, I wanted to do it right. I wanted the best combination of an education and football I could get. Whenever anyone thought about college football they

**Caliendo recently set NU's vertical leap record for linebackers.**



would mention Nebraska first. So, I picked Nebraska and have never regretted the choice."

In order to fathom the depth of his competitive spirit, it must be remembered Caliendo started competitive swimming when he was 5 years old. It lasted until he was 15, and he recalls, "We used to go to the country club pool every morning at seven and work out. We had a great swim program. In fact, I held the state 25-meter freestyle record for a while."

"I guess my main hobby when I was a kid was getting into trouble. Nothing serious, just the normal little stuff kids will do. When I came to college, yeah, it was a major culture shock."

"I was pretty big stuff in high school,

but when I got here, everyone was as good as I was. I guess the big difference was in high school if you had a bad day it was no big deal. Here, there is always someone ready to take your place."

That someone is part-time starter Tyrance, who Caliendo describes in almost affectionate terms, "Pat is one of the nicest guys I've ever known. He's not just a good, smart football player — he's a brilliant guy. You know, he's got A-minus grades in pre-med studies. That's really something!"

Chris and his twin brother Cary have two older brothers. Craig will receive his law degree from Marquette this summer while Chuck Jr., is a practicing accountant. Chris picked up his present hobby of hunting from his father.



**Burly Caliendo is a push-over for Bear.**

"Dad started me hunting and when I got Bear, I sent him to Wilderness Kennels in Lincoln," he says. "Henry Sader did a great job with him. When Bear was only a year old the first time we took him duck hunting, we were in a tight blind and he couldn't see the ducks fall. I'd take a rock and throw it in the duck's direction and sure enough, he'd go right out there and bring it back.

"Bear's the greatest. I just love him. I can't sit down to read or watch television without him coming over to lay down with a paw on my foot or resting against me."

His closest friends on the NU campus are defensive teammates Kurt Broer, Mike Murray and Kent Wells. They water and jet ski together, go hunting

**"Chris is smart enough to know how to correct his mistakes."**  
— Kevin Steele

and play pool. Caliendo says, "Kurt's folks have a cabin with all the toys, and that's how we got started doing that.

"I'll go hunting with Mike and Kent, but they shoot at anything that moves, so, I leave Bear at home and stay a step or two behind them," he laughs and then adds with a smile, "I don't want to sound too immodest, but I usually take 'em when we play pool."

Admittedly, he adds, "I'm not the greatest practice player, but after practice you are so exhausted when you get home you just want to collapse. Then you have to study two, three or maybe four hours. It's pretty rough, but I guess if it were easy, everybody would do it."

Caliendo is a speech communications major and he manages 2.5 (B-minus) grades. He cites last year's Missouri game as "probably my best since coming to Nebraska" but recalls a paradox of thoughts from the chilling, rain-drenched win over Oklahoma at Norman.

"I could read Missouri's offense fairly easy but OU's was the toughest to sort out, particularly in that horrible weather, and when your pads got wet

they felt like they weighed 20 pounds," he recalls. "But, there was something different about that game. I never seemed worried about us stopping them because we had a feeling of one-ness in that game, not just 11 guys out there on the field."

New Husker linebacker coach Kevin Steele says of Caliendo, "He's tough by nature, and he's smart enough to know how to correct his mistakes. Pat (Tyrance) may be a little faster but both are experienced, and they should be better than the other players."

"Don't be surprised, if under certain situations, you see them both on the field at the same time. We want 'em both to be ready to play 11 or 12 games. Not have one play half the season and the other play the other half."

Caliendo isn't slow. The same day he set the Nebraska vertical leap record for linebackers he ran a 4.85 electronically timed 40-yard dash for several professional scouts who were in attendance. Chris added, "Somebody said that electronic time would be the equivalent of a 4.6 forty, hand-timed."

"Some of the scouts said I could play pro ball, but I look at it this way, if it happens, it happens. Sure, it would be great to play football and get paid for it. I guess it's every player's dream."

He's an unusual young man, who never redshirted at NU. He played junior varsity ball as a yearling, got into some varsity games as a sophomore, and his junior year he was the fourth leading tackler on the team although he only started seven games.

But, he gives the usual answer when asked if Nebraska's defense will be up to par in 1989, saying, "We have so many good players on the field everyone has a tendency to look average. Some people already are wondering if we'll be good enough defensively, but after the first couple of games, I think you'll see the usual tough Nebraska defense."

"As for me, I'm not thinking about setting records or making all-conference or All-American. I'll play the best I can, every chance I get, and we'll see what happens."

It would bode well if everyone, particularly Husker opponents, took this young man seriously. ■

*Broderick Thomas*



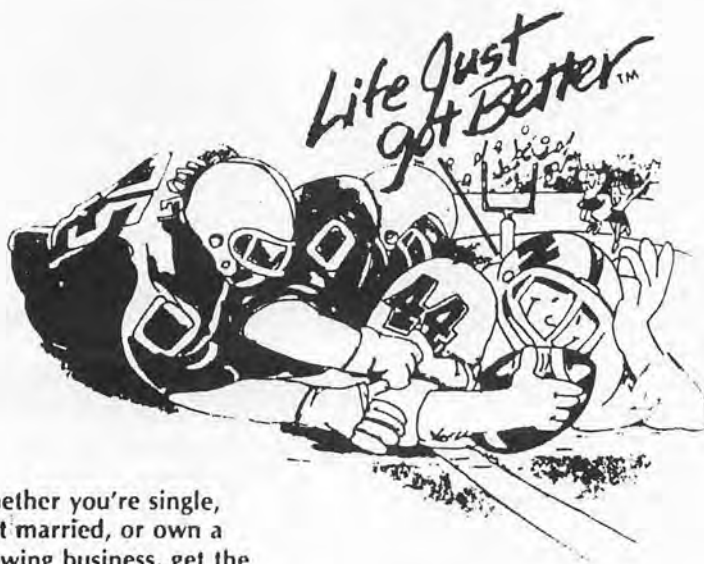
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# Seven Pictures Are Worth 100 Years

By Mark Owens

In honor of Nebraska's 100th anniversary of football, nationally celebrated artist Ted Watts has been commissioned to produce a series of seven montage-style oil mixed media paintings depicting historical events and people in Cornhusker gridiron annals.

University of Nebraska athletic department officials contacted Watts — a prolific and widely honored sports artist — about preparing the paintings last October, and they were finished early in June.

Each painting highlights a different era in Husker football:

"The Early Years" starts the series by spotlighting coaches and players from 1890-1915. That era includes the first Nebraska football team, Coach Jumbo Stiehm, halfback George Flippin (considered the first black football player in America), NU's first All-American (Vic Halligan) plus others.

"Roaring into Prominence" recaps 1916-28 and memories from that era: beating Notre Dame and the Four Horsemen, Ed Weir winning All-America honors, the building of Memorial Stadium and more.

"Husker Stock Rises" reflects the eight-year regime of National Football Hall of Fame coach Dana X. Bible (1929-36) plus the players who made those Nebraska teams great.

"Coming Up Roses" focuses on the 1937-48 era and specifically Nebraska's first bowl game, against Stanford in the 1941 Rose Bowl.

"Setting the Stage" covers the post-

war baby-boom era (1949-61) and its memories: breaking OU's long, conference win streak, halfback Bobby Reynolds breaking school and NCAA records, and the notable Fischer family starting its legacy.

"The Bob Devaney Era" speaks for itself, vividly illustrating the coach, his players and two national titles during one of the most successful eras in college football (1962-72).

Finally, "The Tom Osborne Era" recreates two decades of greatness (1973-89), including some of the greatest names in recent Husker history: Mike Rozier, Turner Gill, Dave Rimington, Broderick Thomas, Osborne and others.

The huge paintings will be kept on display in the Nebraska athletic department, but full-color prints are available to the public in a choice of two limited-edition set sizes. The "Elite" edition

is available in 100 sets of seven prints on 24" x 20" art paper at a cost of \$2,000 per set. "Elite" edition prints featuring Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne are individually signed by the coaches.

The "Standard" edition is available in 1,000 sets of seven prints on 20" by 15" art paper at a cost of \$200 per set. All prints in both editions are hand-signed and num-

bered by the artist.

All proceeds from the sale of these prints will be directed toward enhancing the display of Cornhusker trophies and memorabilia.

"It's a major project," explains Watts, 46, of Oswego, Kan. "Typically, I might do several, smaller projects in an eight-month period, but I've given the centennial series almost full-time attention in an effort to faithfully recreate the colors and likenesses of early Nebraska football heroes and to recreate the excitement of the more recent tradition."

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# Memorial Stadium's

FOR 25 YEARS, P. STEPHEN POTTER  
HAS THROWN MORE OFTEN THAN ANY HUSKER QUARTERBACK.  
HE'S NU'S HOT DOG MAN.

Article and photos by Elizabeth A. Barrett



October 1988 Football Saturday,  
12:40 p.m.

**S**porting an ill-fitting, brown corduroy vest, matching knickers, red-checked shirt and soiled striped tie, Nebraska football's famous "hot dog man" strolls from a side alley into a crowd snaking its way into Memorial Stadium.

"Hey, how's your arm today?" shouts a vendor hawking Big Red football paraphernalia as the hot dog man briskly walks by.

Another vendor, selling programs on the sidewalk, nods his head as the hot dog man tips his red and white wool tam in greeting.

As he reaches the stadium, his scuffed brown and white saddle oxfords dance up the stadium steps. He pauses as he puts his arm around the security man at the entrance for concessionaires and athletes.

"Hey, I bet you didn't know it's my 25th year of selling hot dogs," he exclaims. The man, in a red sweater and cowboy hat, shakes his head in disbelief.

For 25 years, P. Stephen Potter, Gothenburg criminal attorney, has entertained fans with his hot-dog tossing antics on football Saturdays at Memorial Stadium. During that time he's built a reputation that caught the attention of CBS "Sunday Morning" program star Charles Kuralt. Two years ago, footage of Potter throwing hot dogs and an interview with Kuralt was shown on national TV the night before the traditional Nebraska-Oklahoma shootout.

From street vendors to bar revelers after home games, most Nebraska football fans recognize the hot dog man —

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with or without his unique costume. With a beard and long ponytail, Potter does not easily blend into a crowd.

He says he likes the recognition.

"It's a good experience because a lot of people don't know what my other profession is," says Potter. "I'm probably more known and more respected as the hot dog man than in any other aspect of my life."

**1:00 p.m.**

*The hot dog man weaves through a crowded mass of people under the stadium to a large room where a small army of workers tong steaming hot dogs into buttered buns. He grabs a large aluminum box full of his Saturday afternoon livelihood and charges out.*

*"Hot dogs!" he cries above the din of the mob, his voice reverberating underneath North Stadium.*

There were no north and south stadiums when Potter started vending in 1963 — only a field house to the north and the famous "knot-hole" section to the south where students watched the game from bleachers at a reduced price. Back in those days, Potter sold hot dogs for a quarter.

"Catching the quarter was an equal challenge to throwing the hot dog," he explains. "You had to communicate to the person throwing the quarter to throw underhand so it would flip through the air. If they threw it overhand, it flew through the air like a bullet."

Once the north and south stadiums were built, Potter remembers trying to catch quarters so they wouldn't slip through the cracks of a prefabricated section. When prices rose to 35 cents, tossing hot dogs became increasingly difficult as Potter had to clamp on to flying quarters and thin little dimes.

"In those days, people used to buy hot dogs not to watch me throw, but to see me catch the quarters and dimes."

*Container empty, the hot dog man hurries back for a refill. By now, the hot*

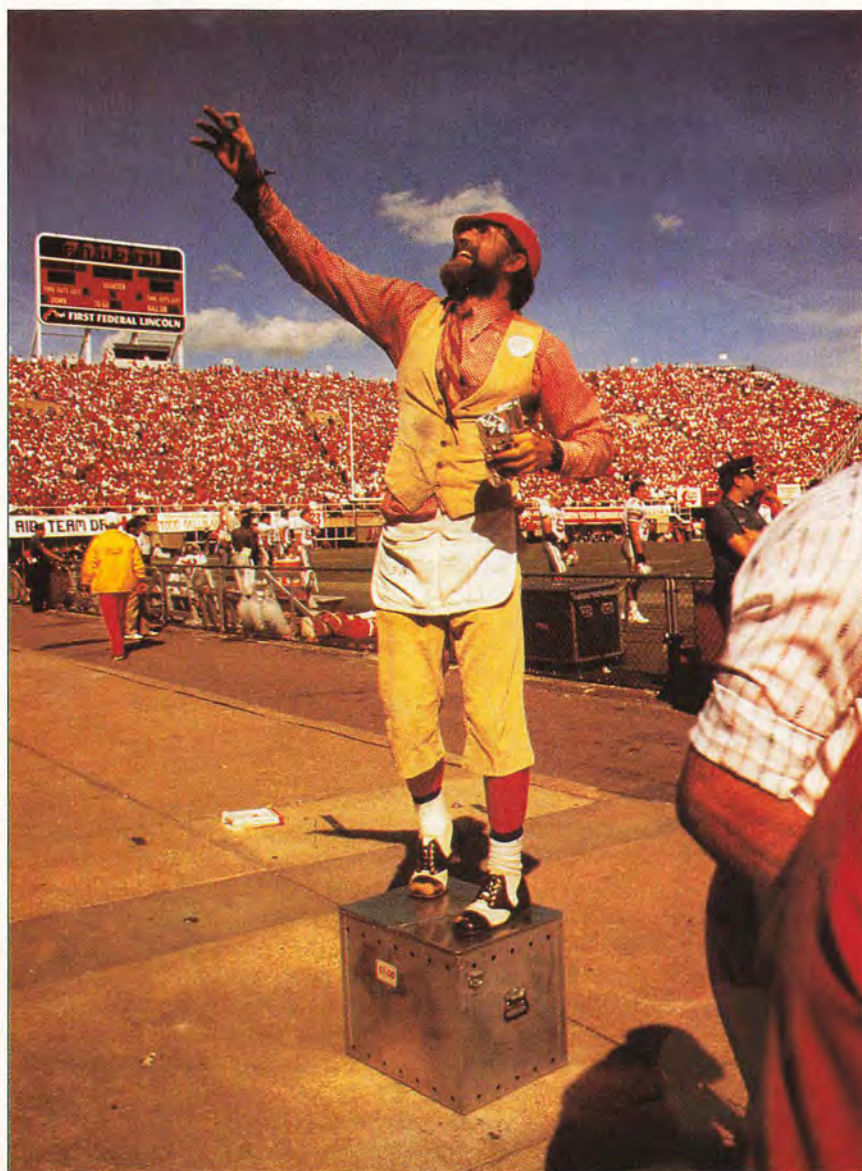
*dog man's right toes have worked their way through the torn oxford. A dingy, white basketball sock exposes itself through the tear as he reaches over for a full box of hot dogs.*

In the early days, Potter says he

looked like all the other vendors who wore jeans and white T-shirts.

"I soon discovered that the same people game after game would buy from me," he explains. "I wanted to be able to identify my patrons."

To attract attention, Potter first spray-



**Potter is a quarter-century fixture at Memorial Stadium.**

painted his sneakers purplish-red, but later opted for a bum costume he had used in a dance routine in a University of Nebraska-Lincoln Orchestris production.

"I was kind of embarrassed about wearing such a funny-looking outfit in public, but when I did the dance, I made people laugh. I hoped it would do the same thing to the people in the stands."

The outfit "was a tremendous success" according to Potter, and he overcame initial embarrassment. However, he says he had to parade the outfit and make spectacular tosses for several years to earn the title of "The Hot Dog Man."

Potter's unique throwing style is all his own. But he does admit closely observing another style in the early years.

"Willy Grummert of Fairbury was my mentor. For years, he threw peanuts at football games and ice cream bars in the old Coliseum during basketball games. On numerous occasions, he knocked out windows in the balcony of the Coliseum."

Potter was forced to develop a throwing strategy after a foot injury prevented him from running up and down stadium steps. Since that time, he's invented different tosses for different patrons.

For example, he tosses underhand to small children so the hot dog rolls into their bodies, giving them a better chance to catch the dog. He throws an "over-hand spiral dog" to medium-to-long distance customers and an "end-over-end" pitch to long-range fans where the dog flips end-over-end through the air.

Potter would like to claim a 100 percent accuracy rate, but says he occasionally misfires.

"Sometimes there's a bad wind sheer that takes perfectly thrown hot dogs and re-routes their destination to some unsuspecting fan," he says, grinning.

Potter came to UNL in the fall of 1963. He says he had a potential track scholarship to attend the university, but while a high school senior, he seriously fractured his foot. He then signed up for cross country and landed a vending job. In those days, only athletes worked concessions, he recalls.

Over the years, he claims he's missed only one football game — because of illness.



**A foot injury forced Potter to abandon his ground game in favor of the pass.**

What is the magnet that keeps pulling him back to Memorial Stadium year after year, football season after football season?

Potter loves performing.

After weeks of litigation, Potter says he enjoys leaving the courtroom stage for center stage in Memorial Stadium.

"I love to perform in front of audiences, and the law gives me an opportunity to captivate an audience called jurors," he explains. "The stadium on game days allows me to perform in front of Nebraska fans."

Potter also enjoys the reactions of children.

"I have fun seeing the pure joy in little kids' faces. Little kids will go for it when you throw them a hot dog. The expression on their faces when they catch it is worth the whole trip."

One memorable hot-dog tossing incident Potter recalls involved the UNL band. A couple of years ago, a band member approached Potter to tell him the band was hungry.

"When I got over there, people were jumping up and down all over signaling for hot dogs. I threw my first customer a wonder pass and watched him slowly and meticulously wrap his dollar in the foil wrapper. He arched his arm back and as he threw forward, 200 arms of band members also came forward, releasing 200 foil wrappers which completely engulfed me. I never found the one containing the dollar bill."

Potter says he laughed along with the crowd as they sang the "Armour Hot Dog" song.

"My enjoyment comes from their enjoyment," he says. "It's good to have people laugh at me because it forces me to laugh at myself. We all tend to take ourselves too seriously and need to stand back and laugh at ourselves once in awhile."

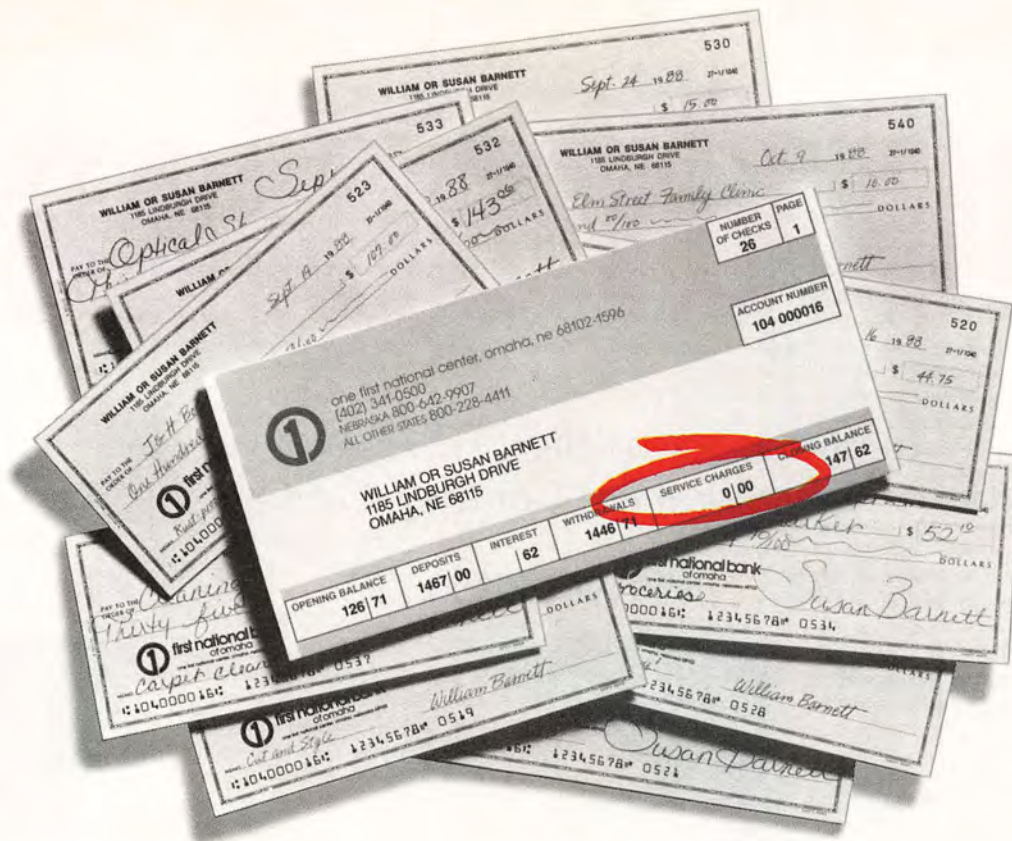
**3:10 p.m.**

*After five more refills since the beginning of the game, the hot dog man trudges back to the concession room. The woman at the counter tells him he sold 300 dogs. He wearily sets down his vending box until the next football Saturday.*

He wanders over to where the wheelchair fans congregate to watch the game, deep beneath the north stadium. He sits down beside a small, blonde youngster and her mother, curling his legs underneath his tired body. Together they watch third-quarter action through the crisscrossed wires of a cross-link fence.

The hot dog man is quiet, pensive. He says: "If there comes a point when they don't enjoy my performance, then I'll probably quit selling hot dogs."

With the popularity of Nebraska's hot dog man still growing after 25 years, that day may never come. ■



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# The Greatest

*In 100 years of Big Red excitement, there's still only one "Game of the Century."*

By Virgil Parker

**T**he opening game of the 1989 season marks a major milestone in Nebraska football history. The Northern Illinois game at Memorial Stadium on Sept. 9 begins the centennial celebration of Cornhusker football.

Dr. Langdon Frothingham, a faculty member who doubled as the volunteer coach for the initial season in 1890, set the tone for things to come with a 10-0 victory over the Omaha YMCA in Nebraska's first football game.

Frothingham then completed a perfect 2-0 season with an 18-0 shutout of Doane College, although that second "1890" game wasn't played until February of 1891.

But the most successful period in Nebraska's illustrious football history has been the most recent 27 seasons as coaches Bob Devaney (101-20-2 in 11 seasons from 1962-72) and Tom Osborne (158-36-2 in 16 seasons since 1973) have combined to record 259 victories against just 56 losses and four ties.

That success translates into NCAA records for 1) most consecutive winning seasons, 27 — all of them!; 2) the longest current string of consecutive post-season bowl appearances, 20; and 3) the most consecutive home game sellouts. That string stands at 161, starting with the Missouri game of Devaney's initial 1962 season and continues today.

To put the success of Devaney, now Nebraska's athletic director, and Osborne, the current Cornhusker coach, in proper perspective, consider these facts.

Their 259 victories in 27 seasons translate to an average of more than 9.5 wins per season. The coaches in the



other 72 seasons won 374 games for an average of just over five per season.

An even more dramatic comparison is the fact that during the 21 seasons from the days of World War II until Devaney arrived on the Lincoln campus (1941-61), eight coaches combined to win just 72 games while losing 125. Just three of those 21 seasons resulted in a winning record.

Yet Nebraska hasn't been without a winning season since!

Which of Nebraska's 633 victories since 1890 have been the most important? Armchair quarterbacks would likely argue throughout the centennial season trying to agree on a Top 10 list.

A consensus on which game should be No. 1 might not be as difficult, however. After all, we're talking about a century of football. And the 1971 clash between Nebraska and Oklahoma has always been referred to as "The Game of the Century."

"That game has to still stand out as the most memorable game of my coaching career," Devaney agrees. "We were No. 1 in the country and Oklahoma was No. 2. It was probably two of the better football teams that ever got on the field at the same time. And we beat them 35-31 on their own field with that last-minute drive. It was a great feeling."

Some aspects of the game were less

than pleasing to Devaney, however.

"(OU quarterback Jack) Mildren was not a great passer," Devaney said. "But we made him look like one. We did not play a good defensive game that day. Rich Glover came up with some great plays. But we were a lot better defensive team than we showed."

The publicity buildup, the secret practices and other precautions taken by the two teams were unprecedented for the times. Nebraska even took its own food and water to Norman.

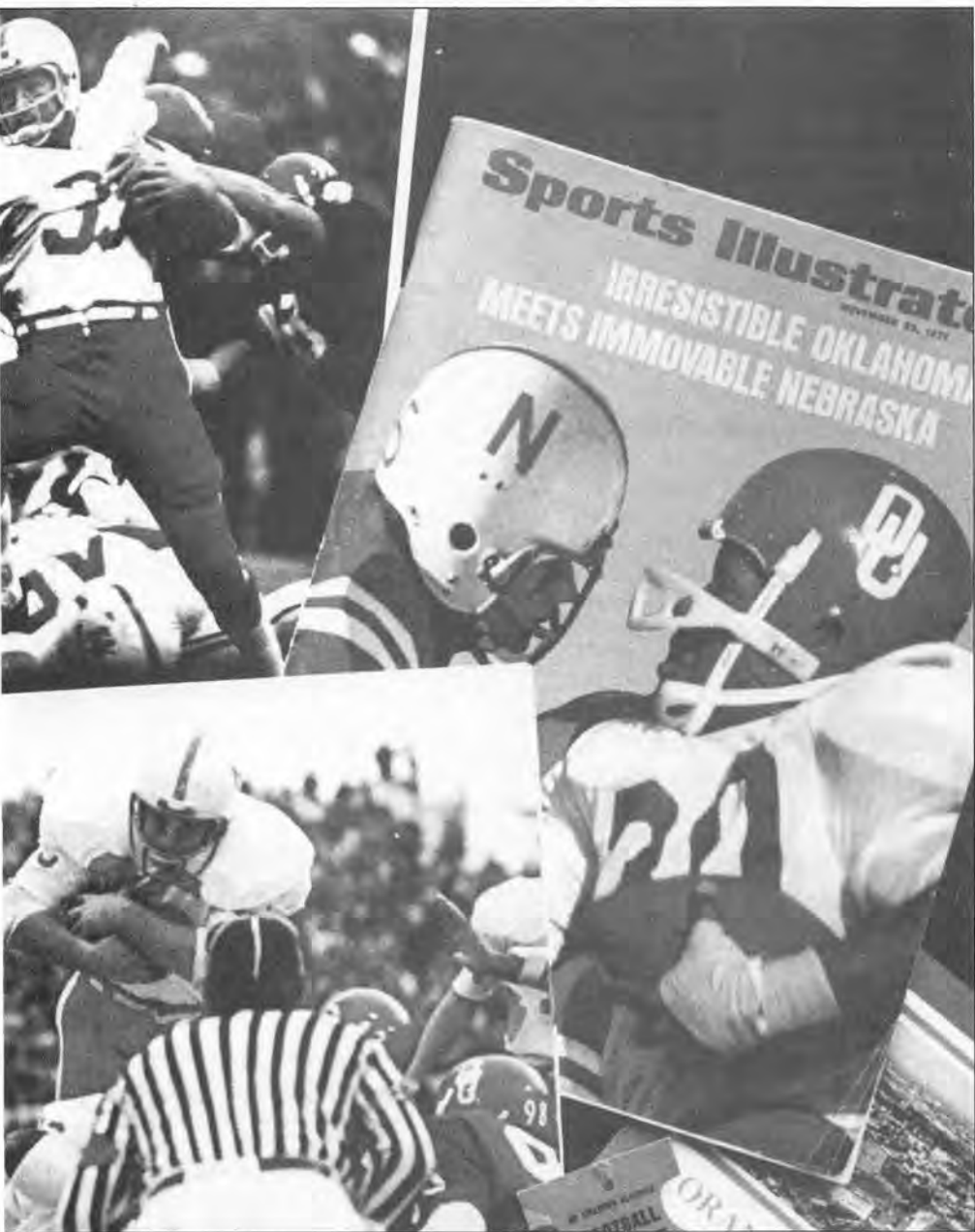
"Oklahoma had played a game in Chicago against Northwestern and several of their players contracted food poisoning," Devaney explained. "We didn't want to take any chances of somebody tinkering with our food. Our trainer, Paul Schneider, tended to get a little excitable before a big game. That's probably how the rumor got started that some gambler was going to poison our food in order to control the outcome of the game. But there was never any basis in fact to that allegation."

Nebraska jumped out in front 7-0 on a punt return touchdown by Johnny Rodgers, who the next year was awarded the Heisman Trophy.

"For some reason, a lot of people talked about Johnny's punt return in that game as though it was some kind of a fluke," Devaney said. "Heck, he had a 92-yard punt return against Oklahoma State and a 62-yard punt return against Iowa State that season. The 72-yarder against Oklahoma was no fluke."

"Of all the plays I've seen in college football, I'd have to rate that punt return as the best," Devaney added. "Like Bobby Reynolds' touchdown run against Missouri, John's punt return has gotten bigger and bigger over the years. I've seen it so many times on film, I've got it memorized. He slipped once, lost his balance, twisted and did just about everything else on that run."

"The return was set up to the right, but John saw a hole to the left and cut back. The only guy he could remember seeing was Joe Blahak. There was a strong wind blowing that day, and Joe Wylie punted the ball real high and real deep. Oklahoma's coverage got downfield so fast I thought John should have called for a fair catch. I'm sure it didn't even enter his mind. He caught the ball with Greg Pruitt breathing down his neck. He took the hit and spun around to keep from falling. If Pruitt hadn't hit



him on one side, another Oklahoma player was in a position to hit him on the other side.

"But John took off for the right, then darted back left through a whole bunch of Oklahoma players. That's when he was open and away from the flow of the coverage. He headed for the left sideline. Blahak screened off Wylie, the last guy with a chance to tackle John. Wylie was fast, but he didn't have a very good angle on Rodgers. Johnny was starting to tire. But when Blahak took Wylie out, John could have crawled the rest of the way and still scored. That touchdown was the most important one of the game because it gave us a 7-0 lead and forced Oklahoma to battle uphill all afternoon."

The victory kept Nebraska No. 1 in the polls and moved Alabama, the Huskers' upcoming Orange Bowl opponent, into the No. 2 spot.

Devaney said Alabama coach Bear Bryant talked to him about how to stop Rodgers' punt return success. But Rodgers started the rout against the Crimson Tide that completed Nebraska's 13-0 season and a second straight national championship. Nebraska held a slim 6-0 lead when Alabama punted on the last play of the first quarter. Rodgers ran it back 77 yards for a touchdown.

"I think that absolutely demoralized Alabama," Devaney recalled. "They were madder than hell at themselves, and while they worried about what had happened, we scored two more touchdowns in the second quarter. Even a coach who can walk on water has a hard time coming back from a 28-0 halftime score."

That Orange Bowl victory and the resulting national championship qualifies that game for the Top 10 list, Devaney feels. "In fact, that game was maybe even more satisfying for me than the Oklahoma game because Bryant had beaten us rather badly in our two previous meetings (39-28 in the 1966 Orange Bowl and 34-7 in the 1967 Sugar Bowl).

"But that last drive against Oklahoma sticks out the most in my memory. We were behind and we knew that if we gave up the ball it would be over and we would be beaten."

Just seven minutes remained in the game when OU quarterback Mildren hit split end Jon Harrison with a 16-yard

touchdown pass to give the Sooners a 31-28 lead. Nebraska received the ensuing kickoff and began a methodical drive toward victory.

"Some people have said it looked like we were purposely trying not to score too soon in order to keep Oklahoma from getting another chance," Devaney said. "That wasn't the idea. We tried to control the ball. And we did. We were willing to be patient because we had enough time. We just didn't want to turn it over or give the ball up on downs."

The 12-play, 74-yard drive for the deciding touchdown and the 35-31 victory started with Rodgers carrying for a 4-yard gain on a wingback reverse. I-back Jeff Kinney followed with a 5-yard blast off right tackle. Third-and-one, and it started to rain!

**"It was a good call, but it scared the hell out of me."  
— Bob Devaney**

Kinney broke three tackles on the next play as he rambled 17 yards around left end to the Oklahoma 48. Gary Dixon replaced Kinney for one play and gained 2 yards off left tackle. On second down, NU quarterback Jerry Tagge tried to pass to Rodgers along the left sideline, but it was caught out of bounds. Third-and-eight!

This time, rolling right under pressure, Tagge fired a low pass and Rodgers made a diving catch for an 11-yard gain and a first down.

"If that pass play had failed we'd have just gone for it on fourth down," Devaney said. "It would have been tougher, but we wouldn't have had any choice."

"The completed pass was supposed to be an out pattern," Devaney recalls. "Tagge was going to throw to Rodgers on the outside. But Tagge got chased out of the pocket (by OU linebacker Jon Miltstead). As a result, Rodgers' pattern was broken because the timing was off, so Johnny curled into the middle in kind of a deep hook. And Tagge hit him on the run. It wasn't a great throw, but John

dove and came up with the ball for the first down.

"The way the game was going," Devaney added, "the team that had the ball last was going to score and win the game. I was not as worried about that third-down pass being completed as I was later when Kinney fumbled the football near the goal line. The refs called the ball dead. At the time, I have to admit, I thought we got a break. But the films showed that he was down before he fumbled. It was a good call, but it scared the hell out of me."

Devaney said that when Nebraska got the ball for that final drive he felt confident that, barring a mistake, his team could move down the field for a touchdown.

"I don't remember being despondent because we were behind, or ever thinking that the game was lost," Devaney said. "We had enough time. I figured that if we kept moving the ball and didn't panic, we'd be OK."

It is assumed that most people will agree that those two games from the 1971 season belong on our all-time Top 10 list. It would also be hard to leave off the previous season's Orange Bowl victory over LSU that earned Nebraska its first national championship.

Some people called the Huskers' first national championship "the one-day season" because so much happened in the bowl games that New Year's Day. Joe Theismann helped Notre Dame upset No. 1 Texas in the Cotton Bowl. Ohio State was No. 2 and had the chance to move up, but Jim Plunkett passed Stanford to victory in the Rose Bowl and took Woody Hayes out of the picture.

"We'd been rooting for such a triple miracle from the time the bowl matchups were announced," Devaney recalled. "After what Notre Dame and Stanford had done, all that was left for us to do was beat LSU in the Orange Bowl."

"So much had happened in six hours it was almost unbelievable. We'd been tied early in the season at Southern Cal, but it was all there, right in front of us. All we had to do was go out and beat LSU. We weren't a great football team that night, but at least we got the job done, and that's something Texas and

Ohio State couldn't say on that particular day."

Nebraska jumped to a 10-0 lead and it looked like a cakewalk for the Huskers.

"Maybe we were too high and keyed up," Devaney said. "We'd watched Texas get beat on TV and we'd heard the Ohio State score just before we went out for the kickoff. For some reason, we let down a little after getting ahead. LSU came back and went ahead of us, 12-10, on the last play of the third quarter.

"But we came back like champions. When we had to have it, we did. Tagge drove us 67 yards for the winning touchdown. He did a beautiful job. He hit passes to Dan Schneiss and Rodgers, then completed a 17-yard pass to Kinney to put the ball on the LSU 5-yard line. With six minutes left, Tagge leaped into the end zone. Just about every Nebraska football fan has seen a picture of that touchdown. Tagge leaned forward, stretched the ball out with his

hands and held it up in a big pile of players. That picture still hangs over my desk because of what it meant to our program."

Devaney started his job of building — or rebuilding — the Nebraska football program during his first season of 1962. He still feels that two games during that initial campaign played a key role in the success that has continued ever since.

One was his second game as Husker head coach — Michigan at Ann Arbor. Although a fiasco from a financial standpoint, the other was the Gotham Bowl game against Miami of Florida which closed out the '62 season.

"The Michigan game showed people, and more importantly, the players, that we could play with anybody," Devaney said. "That was an unforgettable game at Ann Arbor. I'm not so sure I don't cherish it as much as any game I ever coached. The win over LSU in the Orange Bowl was important because it gave us our first national championship.

The win over Oklahoma in 1971 was important because that's the game everyone still talks about. But the win over Michigan is the one that put us on the map. It showed the country that we were turning things around. I think the players knew how much the game meant to me. They saw how much attention was devoted to it. The Detroit writers were calling it a homecoming for Bob Devaney. It was "Band Day" and they had a big crowd. It was a great atmosphere for a team that was not used to winning to pull off an upset."

Devaney admits he and his coaching staff didn't think the Huskers were quite good enough to win the Big Eight or go undefeated that first year. So, long before the "automatic" opening game victory over South Dakota, he talked to the players "about how we were going to Michigan in front of all those people and beat 'em in their own backyard. We watched a lot of film on Michigan, and we didn't think they were as great as

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they had been most years.

"When we got ahead of them 7-6 at the half, I sensed the upset. I don't remember exactly what I said at half-time, but I remember reminding everyone how much a win would mean for our program. Our kids had never been in a situation like that before. But we won, 25-13. Dennis Stuewe had a touchdown and rushed for about 80 yards. But everyone was talking about Thunder Thornton. He scored a couple of touchdowns and his blocking was just ferocious."

Devaney is the first to admit that he

**Jeff Kinney breaks loose in the fourth quarter of what may be the best game ever played.**

didn't inherit a bare cupboard when he came to Nebraska. He says it was a matter of taking the talent on hand, improving organization and getting the best effort possible from each individual player.

"Some people will find this hard to believe," Devaney said, "but we had more players taken in the pro draft from the '62 team than any Nebraska team since — and that includes the club with Mike Rozier, Irving Fryar and Turner Gill."

Devaney rattled off the names of Thornton, Stuewe, Bob Brown, Willie

Ross, Larry Kramer, Dwain Carlson, Lloyd Voss, Tyrone Robertson, John Kirby, Warren Powers, Dennis Claridge and Kent McCloughan before adding, "and I may have forgotten another one or two."

Nebraska lost just two games in 1962 — to Missouri, when Thornton was hurt and couldn't play, and to Oklahoma in the regular season finale. The resulting 8-2 record earned the Huskers what turned out to be the dubious honor of a Gotham Bowl bid and the chance to play against Miami quarterback George Mira.

"We tried to discourage the players from going to that bowl game," Devaney recalls. "We told them every bad thing we could think of. That it was a crappy bowl, that we didn't know if there was any money, and that there was a newspaper strike going on in New York, which meant little or no national coverage. And that the game would be played in the morning when it would be cold."

"But it took them about 15 seconds to vote unanimously to go. They didn't care about the weather or not having any people in the stands or being the last team in the country to get invited to a bowl game. They just wanted to go to New York and get the taste of the loss to Oklahoma out of their mouths."

Devaney says the deal with the Gotham Bowl organizers was very shaky financially. "But you couldn't tell the Nebraska fans that playing in a bowl game didn't mean anything," he said. "They didn't care how shaky the deal was. Nebraska had only been in two bowl games before and lost them both."

About that time, the university administration also started to get nervous. It was decided that the team wouldn't leave Lincoln until the guarantee money was in escrow.

"We were at the airport waiting to get on the plane and there still wasn't any money," Devaney recalls. "We waited a couple of hours. Then we learned a check had been received, so we got on the plane. Then we found out the check wasn't certified. That was a sign of things to come."

Although the finances were finally settled, when game day arrived the weather was worse than even Devaney could have expected.

"It was a miserable, cold, dreary morning," he said. "I do remember my pre-game pep talk, however. I told the players that the weather was terrible and the game didn't seem like a very big deal because nobody was out there in the stands. But, I said, pride is the most important thing a person has. And that's what we're going out there to play for — pride."

Mira was everything he was billed to be. He passed for 321 yards and two touchdowns. But Nebraska won 36-34.

"Naturally, the win made everyone forget about all the financial problems," Devaney said. "I didn't realize it at the time, but that game was really important for our program. It gave Nebraska its best record since 1905. But more important, it helped generate the enthusiasm that has carried over to this day."

For that reason, another important

## Many have tried to replace a legend and failed. Not Osborne.

game makes the Top 10 list at No. 5. Already chosen are:

**1. Nebraska-Oklahoma, 1971**, when the teams were rated No. 1 and No. 2 in the nation — the same way they finished after Nebraska beat Alabama in the Orange Bowl for the national championship and the Sooners topped Auburn in the Sugar Bowl to regain the No. 2 spot.

**2. Nebraska-Alabama, Orange Bowl, Jan. 1, 1972**. Nebraska completes a perfect 13-0 season with its second-straight national championship.

**3. Nebraska-LSU, Orange Bowl, Jan. 1, 1971**. Nebraska earns its first-ever national championship.

**4. Nebraska-Michigan at Ann Arbor, 1962**. Devaney's second game as the Cornhusker coach. This road victory became a confidence-builder and got the football program moving forward.

**5. Nebraska-Miami of Florida, Gotham Bowl, 1962**. Nebraska's first-

ever postseason bowl victory.

The second five? Our nominees are:

**6. Nebraska-Illinois, 1925**, when the Huskers topped the Illini and the legendary Red Grange, 14-0.

**7. Nebraska-Notre Dame, 1923-25**. Actually a three-game series against the fabled Four Horsemen, with the Huskers winning two of the three.

**8. Nebraska-UCLA, 1973**. Tom Osborne's first game as Nebraska's head coach, a resounding 40-13 victory. Many have tried to replace a legend and failed. Not Osborne. He and Devaney combined to record back-to-back 100-victory careers at the same school in a shorter period of time than any pair of coaches in NCAA history.

**9. Nebraska-Stanford, Rose Bowl, Jan. 1, 1941**. An historically significant game in Nebraska football history. The school's first bowl appearance. Devaney often jokes, "All I heard about when I first came to Nebraska was all about the fact that the team had played in the Rose Bowl. I was here about six years before I discovered they lost the game."

**10. Nebraska-Oklahoma, 1959**. When Nebraska scored a 25-21 victory to snap the Sooners' conference win streak of 74 straight games.

A lot of other games came close to making the Top 10. Heading the list, because of the "class act" of Coach Tom Osborne, would be the 31-30 last-second Orange Bowl loss to Miami of Florida on Jan. 1, 1984. A simple extra point kick would have produced a 31-31 tie and a national championship for Nebraska. But sports contests are played to be won, Osborne felt, and the two-point try to produce a perfect 13-0 season — and the championship — failed.

How about Nebraska's 40-16 victory over Kansas in Devaney's first season of 1962 when the Jayhawks had the incomparable Gayle Sayers?

The Nebraska-Auburn Orange Bowl game following the 1963 season is another worthy of Top 10 consideration. The Huskers showed that first season under Devaney was no fluke by coming back with an even better 10-1 campaign.

The list could go on and on. When a school has played the game for 100 years with Nebraska's ratio of success, the choices are many. ■

## BIG EIGHT REDSHIRTS

By Pat Quinn

# OU, Mizzou Also Loaded With Talented Newcomers

**W**hile the Huskers are loaded with plenty of young talent waiting in the wings, the rest of the Big Eight Conference has more than its share of youthful and unblossomed stars available. For example, Missouri and Oklahoma would have to be pleased with their collection of redshirts, jucos, Prop 48s and miscellaneous rookies. Colorado, of course, isn't expecting to use many of its youngsters because 17 starters return from last year's 8-4 team. Overall, the league is not blessed with an abundance of returning all-star types, so don't be surprised if some of the following newcomers and sleepers play important roles and perhaps starring roles throughout the rest of the Big Eight in 1989.

### OKLAHOMA STATE

"Traditionally we have lettered five or six true freshmen every year," claims Coach Pat Jones. "We redshirted 24

players, and they're all still with us." Last year the Cowboys lettered true frosh defensive tackle Stacey Satterwhite (6-6, 255), cornerback Mike Clark (5-10, 170), strong safety Jay Fleischman (5-10, 190), linebacker Bobby Raynor (6-0, 237) and wide receiver Lee Keith (6-4, 210).

Even the greatest of programs would be strained to replace the loss of Heisman winner Barry Sanders and All-American Hart Lee Dykes, but Jones feels OSU has quality depth at both positions. Defense is where OSU is looking for the most help, and it feels defensive end Mike Woolridge (6-3, 215) and linebacker Kevin Tiffee (6-2, 200), along with defensive tackle Elmer Williams (6-5, 290), will make an impact. Defensive end-linebacker Alvin Briscoe (6-1, 210) was a spring starter, and linebacker Roy McFarland (6-3, 210) was an alternate.

Four men moved up in the OSU secondary, including Ricky Blocker (5-11, 185), Todd Fisher (5-11, 170), Cornell Cannon (6-1, 195) and Oliver McDade (6-3, 195). The Prop 48 crew could help the defense a bunch, and this includes defensive tackle Rodrick Arthur (5-11, 254) and linebacker Eric Garmond (6-2, 232).

Offensively, tight end Scott Copeland (6-4, 215) will help with depth, but the decimated offensive line is getting only one top-notch prospect, Keith Roller (6-3, 280). Along with Lee Keith, wide receivers Tony Brown (6-1, 180) and Brad McCone (6-1, 185) are going to try to make up for the absence of Dykes. OSU is almost trump-poor at quarterback with Earl Wheeler (6-2, 190) and Mike Little (6-2, 175) being forced to mark time behind incumbent Mike Gundy and others. OSU will be hard pressed to duplicate last year's 10-2 record.

### COLORADO

The team least likely to be invaded by newcomers, at least at this writing. Colorado returns 17 starters and 17 more alternate starters from last year's team, which doesn't leave much room for the new help. Of course, there's the shock factor over the tragic illness of quarterback Sal Aunese to overcome. CU played the league's two "biggies" (OU and Nebraska) close after taking a surprise shellacking from OSU.

Redshirt hopefuls supposed to be in the picture total two. First, linebacker Chad Brown (6-4, 220) is good enough to contend for the starting job and strong safety Doug Adkins (5-9, 185) may be in the same class. At the start, that's it. Quarterback Darian Hagan (5-10, 185) played in five games last year to letter and was No. 1 at the end of spring drills. Cornerback Deon Figures (6-1, 170) was a true-frosh starter in '88 and UPI's conference Defensive Newcomer of the



**OU redshirt tackle Mike Filson is wired for a bright future.**



**Redshirt linebacker Reggie Barnes could be a barn-burner for OU.**

Year.

Juco transfer, linebacker Mike Motley (6-2, 225), is not a total stranger to the Buffaloes. Two years ago he was a Prop 48 candidate at Boulder before going to junior college. As good as CU thinks Motley is, he is only one of three Prop 48 candidates on whom the school has gambled since the rule was enacted in 1986.

The Buffs apparently have fewer academic than conduct problems, but most of that has been ironed out. The quality depth in players supports the idea that Coach Bill McCartney and company expect a pleasant coming-out party this year. Optimism that CU will improve on its 8-4 record is legitimate. It's no secret Colorado expects to be better in '89.

## IOWA STATE

Redshirt freshmen and true frosh from last year's varsity, which barely missed having a winning season, will impact the Cyclone lineup, but possibly the most help will be in positions of strength and won't tend to the areas of weakness.

Cornerback Andrew Bugg (6-1, 170) will add to an already strong defensive secondary as he was in and out of the starting lineup throughout spring practice. Two wide-outs in this same category are Chris Spencer (6-4, 200) and Matt Fauser (6-2, 204). Neither has burning speed but they're excellent athletes with great hands. Again, the help comes to an already strong section of the squad.

Middle linebacker Tyrone Davis (6-0, 210) started as a true frosh last year, and although not large, he's quick and a tough hitter. Ditto for defensive tackle Matt Grubb (6-1, 240), who's likely to be a starter since both of last year's regulars graduated. The defensive line is a tender spot, at least for the moment, and it may have to rely on quickness more than muscle in '89.

Another worry spot for ISU is running back, and it has attacked this problem with a stellar juco product and possibly a freshman-to-be. Running back Blaise Bryant (6-1, 200) was first-team juco All-America at Golden West (Calif.) Community College in 1988 when he gained 1,691 yards and scored 14 touchdowns. The impressively quick Bryant had a single-game high of 330

yards, and he displayed his durability by carrying the ball 46 times in that contest.

Incoming frosh running back Sherman Williams (5-8, 175) comes in with a hand-held time of 4.29, the fastest ever by an athlete at his Omaha high school, which also produced Hall of Famer Gale Sayers. The Cyclones have never made a practice of gambling on Proposition 48 players, having only chanced one over the past three seasons.

The newcomers will help Coach Jim Walden, and maybe things will get a lot better if quarterback Brett Oberg (who had only three weeks to get ready for 1988) receives some help to go along with a better grip on Walden's complicated passing schemes.

## Mizzou thinks redshirt center Brad Funk is more than an impact player.

## MISSOURI

A word of caution. Missouri feels it has the best distribution of quality it has had in years, which bodes well for new coach Bob Stull. One thing former coach Woody Widenhofer insisted upon maintaining was a productive redshirt program, even if it added to his own undoing.

Mizzou thinks redshirt center Brad Funk (6-3, 261) is more than an impact player. He held the starting position throughout spring drills, a first in off-season practice at Columbia. Outside linebacker Stacy Elliott (6-4, 225) and inside linebacker Mike Ringgenberg (6-4, 220) will make the installation of Stull's 3-4 defense a lot easier. Defensive back Jermaine Wilkins (6-3, 198) would have made the varsity a year ago, but a fractured hand turned it into a medical redshirt season for him.

Kicker Jeff Jacke played last year as a frosh, kicking two field goals over 50 yards in length. Ironically, his graduated brother Chris was an All-American kicker for Stull at UTEP.



Three of Missouri's redshirt stars are center Brad Funk (top), plus linebackers Stacy Elliot (middle) and Mike Ringgenberg.



**Strong safety Doug Atkins (left) should add depth to Colorado's young secondary, while Buff redshirt Chad Brown (right) should help at inside linebacker.**

There are three juco transfers, and two came in time for spring practice. Quarterback Kent Kifer (6-1, 190) has been elevated to equal status with incumbent regular John Stollenwerck. Adding to the Tigers' pass-oriented philosophy is diminutive wide receiver Damon Mays (5-10, 169), regarded as the "most complete package" among the host of receivers on hand. Joining Mizzou in the fall is wide receiver Linzy Collins (6-2, 185), who is regarded as a "wunderkind" after passing up offers from Arizona State and Miami.

A Prop 48 name familiar to a lot of recruiters is defensive tackle Mario Johnson (6-5, 285), whose older brother Lee was a defensive line starter for Mizzou a year ago. Two transfers from Illinois, free safety Leon Fisher (5-11, 189) and fullback Jimmy Collins (5-11, 230) were noticed in the spring. Fisher was an alternate starter at the end of spring practice, while Collins is considered the best blocking back in camp and should figure in MU's rotation of

backs in 1989.

There's a new, highly charged attitude in Columbia. The methodically organized Stull spent more time on recruiting and spring practice than he did speaking to alumni groups. The latter will come this summer. Remembering that Mizzou lost to OU (16-7) and Nebraska (26-18) by the barest of margins last year, these Bengal boasts may not be hollow words, indeed.

## KANSAS

There weren't many redshirts available for KU coach Glen Mason this past spring because the Jayhawks used 22 true freshmen in 1988 while going through a painful 1-10 campaign. But there were a few, including quarterback Ron Page (6-1, 190), who completed nine of 15 passes for a touchdown and 112 yards in the final spring scrimmage.

Maybe the best KU has in this category is offensive tackle Scott Imwalle (6-2, 260), who had an impressive off-season outing. Tight end Jason

Stallman (6-3, 225) was a key figure in the spring and expects to remain that way in the fall. Some who played as true frosh last year included running back Tony Sands (5-10, 174), who was the team's leading rusher in '88 and ripped OSU with 177 yards.

Strong safety Deral Boykin (5-10, 179) was AP's Big Eight Defensive Newcomer in 1988 and is firmly installed for '89. Cornerback Doug Terry (5-11, 175) missed the last four games in '88 with a neck injury but was the team's fourth-leading tackler.

Kansas raided Coffeyville Junior College to shore up its defensive line and brought home defensive tackle Mike Hall (6-1, 260) and noseguard Gary Oats (6-1, 255). From the ranks of the Prop 48 is a famous name: running back John Henry Johnson (5-8, 185), another diminutive darter, who rushed for 1,300 yards and 21 touchdowns at a large New Jersey high school. Running back is one of the rare areas in which the Jayhawks have quality depth.

KU might have absorbed some brutal beatings from the five bowl teams it faced in '88, but it managed some sound fundamental moments from which Mason expects the team to truly prosper.

## KANSAS STATE

Has new coach Bill Snyder inherited a team which is only halfway through a 40-year rebuilding program? Redshirt offensive tackle Toby Lawrence (6-4, 265) is an encouraging sign, and noseguard Ekwensi Griffin (6-0, 265) came from the walk-on ranks last spring to gain some attention.

The only place at which the Wildcats are top heavy in talent is quarterback, where Gary Swim (6-3, 215) took only two snaps before fracturing a foot last year as a medical redshirt frosh. Swim has to cut his way through other medical redshirt frosh — Carl Straw (who passed for 1,947 yards two years ago) and Paul Watson (who threw for four touchdowns against Louisiana Tech in '88 before requiring surgery to correct a shoulder injury).

Even by Wildcat standards the defensive line needed the most help, and Snyder went the juco route to get it. He landed Gilbert Moxley (6-2, 250), Anthony Williams (6-4, 250) and defensive



**OSU linebacker Alvin Briscoe emerged as a spring starter.**

end Ramon Davenport (6-2, 215), and if they don't do it, well, how do you speak of bleak to a team that went winless in '88? K-State did sign a briskly recruited high school prospect in defensive tackle Tony Williams (6-5, 275) and is willing to play him in '89, but that's asking a lot of a true freshman-to-be.

Also, Snyder may be forced to reach into the true high school ranks for more help next year. Running back Marcus Moss (5-10, 190) gained 1,388 yards and scored 15 touchdowns in a large San Antonio high school, and offensive lineman Quentin Neujahr (6-4, 230) was athlete enough to win the Nebraska heavy-weight wrestling title in '89.

The cupboard isn't quite bare for the Wildcats, but there isn't enough there to gain weight in 1989.



**Poke defensive tackle Elmer Williams is big (6-5, 290).**

#### **OKLAHOMA**

Although Oklahoma is unquestionably as thin in depth as it has been in more than a decade, there is also no

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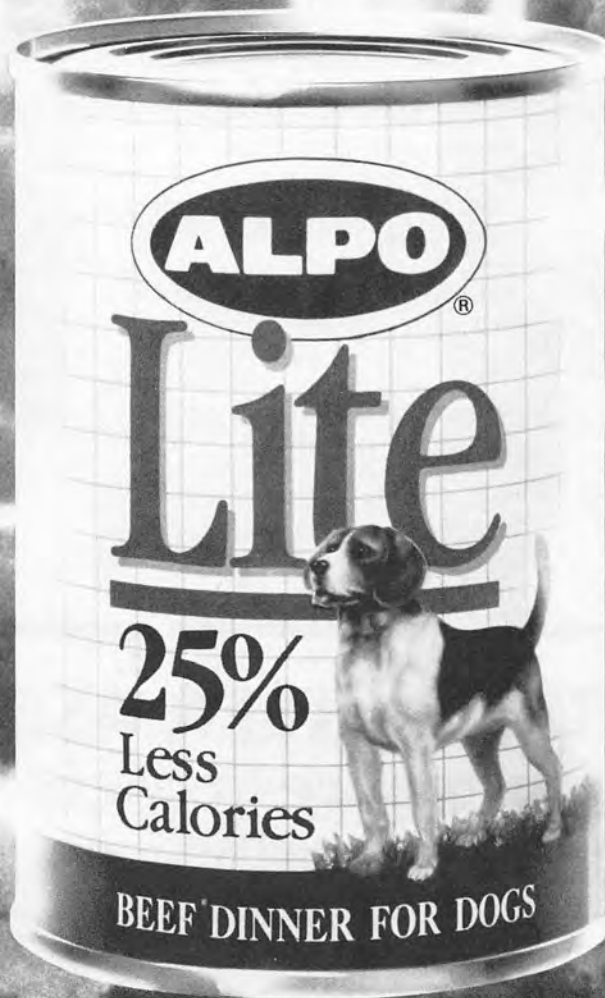
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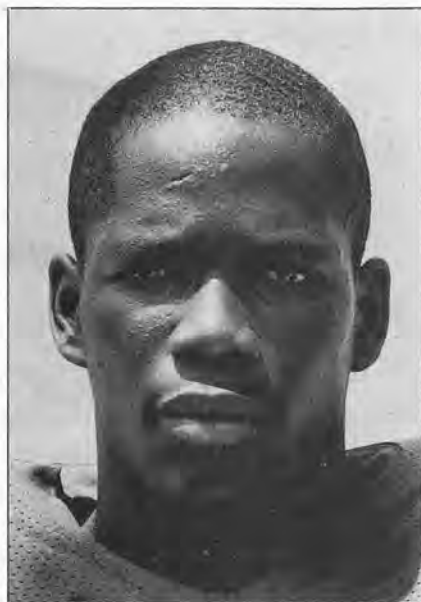
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KU's Deral Boykin (left) is one of the league's promising DBs. Redshirt tight end Jason Stallman (right) made an impact at Kansas this spring.

doubt that the Sooners have some of their most promising young talent in years, too.

Some come from Proposition 48, others were simply redshirted in 1988, a few have been injured, and still others have arrived from the juco ranks.

The list of star-potential Sooners probably starts with linebacker Keith Traylor (6-4, 240), who was a stud last

**KU tight end Jason Stallman (6-3, 225) is expected to be a key figure next fall.**

year for Coffeyville (Kan.) Junior College. Absolutely eye-popping as a physical specimen, Traylor's main concern appears only to be learning the Sooner defensive system. Other than that, it's expected he will muscle his way into the starting lineup and blossom. Joe Bowden (6-1, 225) and Corey Mayfield (6-3, 255) are another solid linebacker pair for OU, both coming off Prop 48. Trey

Tippens (6-5, 225) was redshirted last year but is expected to be an outstanding defensive end, which would give the Sooners an overflow of great stand-up players. By the way, the best of Coach Barry Switzer's young linebackers is a fella named Reggie Barnes (6-2, 210). Traylor and Barnes may well start in '89.

On offense, there is a two-in-three chance that OU will have a redshirted player from 1988 calling signals. Steve and Tink Collins (not related) are pretty solid, and you can find out more about them in the Big Eight Preview.

Cornerbacks Jason Belser (5-10, 170) and cornerback Charles Franks (6-0, 175), free safety Terry Ray (6-2, 180) and wingback Glyn Milburn (5-9, 170) all played sparingly last year as true freshmen, and it's possible as many as three of them will start this fall.

At I-back (doesn't that sound strange when discussing OU?), Ike Lewis (5-11, 185) was a prep All-American in 1988 before succumbing to Prop 48. With his classroom work in order, Lewis could also make a contribution in the fall.

Overall, the Sooners have an exceptional number of young players on board, having taken advantage of three top-flight recruiting classes in a row prior to this past spring's probation-stunted class. ■



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# Moving in the Right Direction

BIG EIGHT FOOTBALL APPEARS HEADED FOR AN UP-CYCLE AFTER A RECENT DIP.

By Ken Hambleton

**T**here never has been, nor likely ever will be, a conference like the Big Eight when it comes to football.

A 1-2-3 finish in 1971 with Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado taking the top three spots in the country may never be matched.

The Big Eight has continually taken the top spots in the national ratings since then. Oklahoma has won three national titles in the period since 1971. Nebraska has been in the Top 10 every year and in what was considered the national title game three times since then.

Colorado faded into near oblivion but

has bounced back into the national Top 20 in the last two years.

Oklahoma State joined the party with consistently tough games against Nebraska and Oklahoma plus four bowl trips in the last five years.

1988 may have been the signal that the Big Eight is going to dominate the national scene once again.

Nebraska won the conference title and played Miami in the Orange Bowl. Oklahoma earned a bowl trip and national prominence.

Oklahoma State batted down another bowl trip and running back Barry Sanders won the Heisman Trophy —

another constant in the Big Eight.

Colorado seemed on the verge of beating both Oklahoma and Nebraska and earned a bowl trip.

But the giddiness of 1988 was overwhelmed by the series of blows suffered when Oklahoma and Oklahoma State were caught and punished by the NCAA for recruiting violations.

Those penalties were followed by a series of criminal capers at Oklahoma, Colorado and Iowa State. Missouri and Nebraska had been through a series of off-field, off-season misdemeanor offenses by players just two years before.



The Big Reds won't let up, but other Big Eight teams have a chance to compete for the top spots.

So, instead of rocking and rolling into the 1990s, Big Eight football appears to be reeling under the weight of many problems.

Average attendance at Big Eight football games is down to pre-1970 lows. Although 1988 average Big Eight attendance was 46,511 (up 490 from 1987), fewer fans saw Big Eight football in 1988 than any year since 1974.

Kansas State, with the worst college record in football history, is barely able to get 20,000 fans to its stadium. Kansas also slipped into obscurity, and fans stayed away from Jayhawk games in droves.

Missouri stumbled from the national picture with five straight losing seasons and dumped its coach.

Iowa State has made headway and recovered some success and some of its fans, but clearly is not yet competitive with the top three teams in the conference.

The Big Eight will get less television exposure in 1989 and 1990 than in the previous decade because sanctions will keep Oklahoma and Oklahoma State off TV.

The conference is not likely to make that up with Nebraska facing Northern Illinois, Oregon State and Utah in 1989.

"It's not good right now," Nebraska's Tom Osborne said. "It's hard to say just how far the Big Eight has slipped. We'll see if the full impact of the two years of sanctions is felt at Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. If the high school players in Texas — where those schools recruit heavily — decide to stop visiting the Big Eight schools, we'll know the status of the Big Eight has dropped.

"As it is right now, we (Nebraska) may have profited at their expense, and Colorado certainly did well in recruiting in Texas, too."

Despite the sanctions, Osborne and many others believe that Oklahoma will not suffer much. "They still have all those people they recruited in the recent past, and they haven't had but one starter leave the team," he said.

Oklahoma State has lost Sanders and many of its offensive linemen, but Oklahoma State recruited very well the past few years, so they won't be too bad off either.

Then consider that Colorado has 18

starters back and was very strong last year. Iowa State is certainly a much better team, and Missouri is a good team going to a new system. Kansas and Kansas State are taking steps to improve their programs.

Every conference has its bottom teams. Consider Wisconsin and Northwestern in the Big Ten. The Southeastern Conference has its bottom teams and every other conference has its down teams at times.

"College football is a cyclical thing and the Big Eight may be a little down," said Osborne. "But Oklahoma is not going to be giving up the game and neither are we, so you can't say we're out of it."

Switzer, in fact, has often been his most productive when faced with adversity. After spring practice, the Sooners appeared very talented but also very concerned about depth in spots, giving Switzer guarded optimism about 1989.

"We have a lot of young players, some of them with fascinating potential," Switzer explained. "I'm guessing we'll

have some tight games next fall — most should go our way but a few might not. Right now I'm focused on 1989, and I'm not going to short-change these seniors by looking past them, but I'd have to guess we'll be solid in the next couple of years, just from what we've already recruited. Then, I just can't see the sanctions having a big impact on prospective recruits next spring since we'll only miss one bowl in their four- or five-year careers, probably none if they redshirt as freshmen.

"It's a guarantee: Oklahoma is as committed to excellence as it's ever been, even more so. I think the conference is moving that way, too."

Big Eight commissioner Carl James is in agreement.

"We're headed in the right direction," James said. "We had four teams — 50 percent — go to bowl games last year. We'll probably have at least two go next year. "Sure, we're disappointed in the sanctions to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, but there's no question that both



**Patience and longevity pay off:**  
After seven years, McCartney  
(left) has a great team.  
Pat Jones (above) is now the  
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of those programs will survive and bounce back.

"The thing is, we are top-heavy with Nebraska and Oklahoma, and I doubt anybody will ever erase them from the picture in the Big Eight. But there are teams striving to join them, and I think Oklahoma State and Colorado have proven that.

"I don't ever see anybody outworking Nebraska and Oklahoma," James added. "They aren't going to let up. But I do see a chance for other teams to join Colorado and Oklahoma State in competing for the top."

New coaches at Kansas State and Missouri are a sign that those schools have made a commitment to improving. Kansas made the coaching change a year ago and Iowa State made the change three years ago.

"These are quality people these schools have hired to turn things around, and there's no reason to think we won't have a highly competitive conference race from top to bottom," James said.

New Missouri coach Bob Stull, who helped turn a dismal program (12-115 over 11 years) at Texas-El Paso into a bowl team last year, said the example set by Colorado in recent years is a sign of hope for those in the lower half of the conference.

"Winning can turn a lot of things around," said Stull. "You start with better recruits, but when you win, you start getting better recruits. When that happens, you're a better team and you start drawing crowds at home. Missouri has gone from 64,000 fans a game to less than 40,000 recently, but I can guarantee you that winning games gets that enthusiasm back in a hurry."

The reason behind Stull's enthusiasm is that when he played center at Kansas State in the late 1960s, Nebraska and Oklahoma were joined by Missouri and Kansas in the top half of the conference.

"I think if we're left alone and allowed to do the job the way we think we should, we can get it done at Missouri," Stull said. "I know Glen Mason at Kansas has the same feeling, and I would guess that Bill Snyder, coming from the Iowa program, can turn it around, too."

There are immediate hurdles for some of the bottom teams in the Big Eight.



**Commissioner Carl James sees a Big Eight rebound in football.**

The biggest problem is numbers — or rather the lack of them.

Iowa State, Kansas and Kansas State are not, nor will be in the near future, at the maximum limit of 95 scholarship players. Because past coaching staffs relied on junior college players or had heavy attrition among recruits, Iowa State fielded less than 60 scholarship players last year.

Not that numbers make a team automatically better, but certainly depth improves, and there is better opportunity to work against better competition in every practice. Kansas, for instance, has just 72 healthy players on the squad and less than two-thirds of them on scholarship. Even when the incoming freshman class reports, Kansas will be 24 bodies short of the 95-scholarship limit.

For the second year in a row, Mason will be playing a number of freshmen and redshirt freshmen next year. That alone precludes Kansas from competing for the conference title with Colorado, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

"I think we've made tremendous improvement," Mason said. "Our work ethic and attitude is tremendously improved, and fundamentally we're becoming better."

Kansas State has worked on improving its offensive balance after going from a passing team to a running team and back the last three years.

Missouri is dropping the Flexbone in favor of a more pro-set, passing-running

game under Stull.

Oklahoma State is counting on a strong senior season from quarterback Mike Gundy and an experienced defense.

Colorado may have lost starting quarterback Sal Aunese to cancer, but his replacement Darian Hagan, an experienced offensive line and a veteran defense should give the Buffs a shot at the title.

Nebraska has strength in defense and has all its skill positions filled by returning starters, except for quarterback.

Oklahoma has undergone some changes this spring and is experimenting with the I-formation to get more balance in attack, but the Sooners still have one of the best defenses around.

So what could be the possible problems in the near future for the Big Eight?

If the top teams are still good and the bottom teams are getting better, can there be any problems that can't be overcome?

"I have to think we've seen the worst," James said. "The amazing thing about the Big Eight is that the schools, while lacking location near population density and location near the states that have spring football for high school kids, are nationally competitive.

"Some of those states, typically in the South, are considering dropping spring high school football and that should even things up, especially in recruiting offensive linemen," he said. "The Big Eight is very strong compared to other conferences. Proposition 48 (NCAA academic requirements) and Proposal 42 will cause some problems at some schools, but I don't think the Big Eight will suffer because of those restrictions. I think it might even help in the long run because we have such strong institutions."

The fact that Big Eight schools have made it through the worst of the downturn in the oil economy and economic setbacks in the farm economy shows the strength of the schools, too, James said.

"That's where we need to be more competitive for the entertainment dollar. Better competition in the conference will help us in that direction," he said.

But there are other problems to be dealt with.



The charges of rape, cocaine distribution, robbery and other crimes against football players in the Big Eight will be a hard stigma to shake.

The findings that several Nebraska pro prospects scored poorly on the Wonderlic intelligence test administered by the NFL scouting services will also be hard to overcome.

These things are nothing new. Football players who are charged with criminal offenses are highly publicized and often tried by the media even though charges are eventually dropped or very few of a large number are involved in the crimes.

The same goes for the academic concerns on college campuses across the country. New NCAA requirements for academic standards and the commitment made by the schools in the Big Eight to keep up with those new standards should help eliminate those problems.

Nebraska has established a very strong academic support unit that caters to every student-athlete's academic need.

Oklahoma's administration has made

**Cyclical football: The Pac 10 was a joke in '83, but was a force last year. The Big Eight's turn may be next.**

a very firm public commitment to improving the academic and social standards for student-athletes.

Oklahoma State is sincere about cleaning up its football program and OSU president John Campbell said his school has made a commitment to compliance with NCAA rules and to excellence.

"There is no way to guarantee this (NCAA penalties) will not happen again," OSU Athletic Director Myron Roderick said. "But we understand that we will do everything in our power to play by the rules and control what we can control the best way we know how."

OSU coach Pat Jones said, "I have full confidence we can administer the rules and remain among the most successful and competitive programs in the

nation."

Oklahoma has made similar commitments to preventing recurrences of past problems both with the NCAA and with the local community.

"The public does not have a good feeling about college athletics because of the beatings it has taken in *Sports Illustrated* and *Time* and with the other negative image problems we've had lately," James said. "But we have a new contract with the Orange Bowl, which shows a commitment from them. It shows a belief that we are on solid ground."

"The schools believe they have made the right moves to change the negative perception, and now it's only a matter of time before we can clean up that image. The Southwest Conference has made strides in shaping up its image and they have been through a very tough time in the last couple of years."

"It'll take a renewed effort by the Big Eight to change the image, too. It takes leadership and we have that. It takes good schools and we have those, too."

"I think we have a bright future in college athletics and in the Big Eight." ■



By Chuck Pool

**H**ad he been born a few years earlier, Stan Bahnsen might have made a fortune before he was in his 20s. Had he been born a few years later, Bahnsen might have made another killing. But even though his timing might have been a bit off, Bahnsen's place as perhaps the greatest pitcher the University of Nebraska has produced is secure.

Bahnsen brought a blazing fastball from Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Lincoln in 1964, and before he was through with his baseball career, he had won over 140 games in the major leagues and earned a reputation as a quality big-league performer.

He came to Nebraska not as a heralded scholarship athlete, but as a walkon.

"I think they had three or four scholarships to divide up between all of the players, so no one was getting that much money," Bahnsen recalled. "Plus, I was always good in basketball and not baseball, so not many people had a chance to see me play. Had I lived about another block over, I would have been able to go to TJ (Thomas Jefferson High School), and they had the really good baseball program."

Ironically, just his age and his place of residence had already cost him money.

Prior to 1965, professional baseball had no free agent draft. Unsigned players were in essence free agents, able to bargain with all teams and drive up the asking price. Bonuses of between \$100,000 and \$200,000 were not uncommon. After the draft was introduced, bonuses have only recently begun to climb back to that level, and then for only the top two or three players.

Had Bahnsen been able to attract some notice prior to entering Nebraska, he might have made an early windfall. But at the time, he was just looking to pitch.

Bahnsen came to Lincoln in the fall of 1963 and worked out with the freshman team during the 1964 season because freshmen were ineligible then. He looked to the 1965 varsity campaign with excitement.

"I was really anxious to get started that year," Bahnsen said. "We had a good team. In fact, we might have been one of the better teams that Tony (long-time NU coach Sharpe) had. We had Bob Hergenrader and Gary Neibauer

# THE IRONY AND THE ECSTASY

STAN BAHNSEN ENJOYED A SOLID BIG-LEAGUE CAREER, BUT WITH BETTER TIMING HE'D HAVE MADE A KILLING.

and felt we had a real shot to win the conference."

If not for an incredible run of bad weather, the Huskers might have done just that.

"We only played 20 games because of all the rain," Bahnsen remembered. "It's not like it is now, where you have so many scheduled that if you get a stretch of rain it won't hurt you. We really needed to get a few non-conference games in before we started the Big Eight, but the rain stopped that."

In fact, the Huskers managed just a pair of non-conference games, but did themselves no favors, losing a double-header against Morningside College, 4-0 and 7-2, before opening the conference season against Missouri.

The Tigers had won the Big Eight title the previous three years and were coming off a runner-up finish in the College World Series of 1964. It looked to be a mismatch between a power and a team that had lost its only games to a small college.

After rains washed out the first day's schedule, the Huskers bounced back and stunned the Tigers by sweeping them 4-0 and 5-2. "We got our confidence back with those games," Bahnsen said.

The young Bahnsen made a quick name for himself. He was 6-1 on a team that finished 12-8 and his 1.44 ERA was good enough to lead the league. Nebraska entered the final weekend with a road series at Kansas and a chance to tie Missouri for the conference title and earn a berth in the regionals.

After (what else?) rain washed out the first day's action, Bahnsen twirled a complete game win in the opener as Nebraska won, 8-1. Sharpe then went to his ace and asked him if he could give a few more innings in the second game.

"It was about 100 degrees, or so it seemed, that day," Bahnsen recalled. "Tony asked me if I could pitch some more; I gave it a shot, but I didn't have much left."

Nebraska lost the second game, 4-0, and saw its drive to tie Missouri fall a game short. The Tigers won the crown with a 13-5 mark. Nebraska was second at 12-6. It would be 14 years before another Nebraska team would finish as high.

Bahnsen's focus then shifted to the professional ranks. In the first year of the draft, the rules weren't all that clear. Today, a player generally can't be draft-



**Bahnsen came closest to a pennant in 1981 with Montreal.**

ed out of a four-year school until his junior year or after his 21st birthday. But Bahnsen found himself eligible after his sophomore year.

"There was a lot of confusion as to what was going on," he remembered. "All I know is that I got a call from the Yankees and was on my way to Columbus, Ga."

He had been selected in the fourth round by the Yankees and signed for a bonus of around \$25,000. He was excited by the move to pro baseball but was not well-versed in the Yankee mystique.

"It was thrilling to know that I was playing pro ball, but I was never much of a Yankee fan. I had followed the Cardinals, since they had a farm club in Omaha."

Bahnsen was a respectable 2-2 with a 2.72 ERA in 11 games of AAA ball as a rookie, and the following spring the 21-year-old found himself in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., at the Yankees' major league spring training complex.

The Yankees of 1966 were a formerly great team in the throes of a rapid decline. Although his new teammates' best years might have been behind them, the impact of walking into the same clubhouse as Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and Elston Howard still made a lasting impression on the rookie right-hander.

"Even though I hadn't been a fan, I

knew who those guys were, and to walk into the same clubhouse was a thrill," Bahnsen said.

He broke camp with the Yankees thanks to an early season rule that allowed teams to carry 28 players in the early going before cutting to 25 later in the year. The club went to Fenway Park in Boston for a series against the Red Sox, but Bahnsen wasn't expecting to pitch.

"Johnny (Yankee manager Keene) had told me that I was getting a start in about three days. He said to just go down in the bullpen and get some work in. The next thing I know, he's calling me into the game. I didn't have a chance to think about what was happening — which I think was just what Johnny had in mind.

"I struck out the first four I faced, including Carl Yastrzemski, Tony Conigliaro and Rico Petrocelli. I was so pumped up," he recalled.

Bahnsen's first outing resulted in a save, although it was only an unofficial one since the stat wasn't officially adopted until 1969. But the rookie had made an impression. He went on to toss a complete game in his first start, against the Washington Senators. But after two more outings (including a loss), he fell victim to the roster cut and was back in the minors.

"I wasn't disappointed," said Bahnsen. "I was just excited to have gotten a chance to pitch. I got a taste because of the expanded roster so I knew there was a chance I'd go back down."

He finished his first season at Toledo with a 10-7 record, 2.91 ERA and 151 strikeouts in only 170 innings.

Bahnsen experienced many thrills in baseball, but he still says that his greatest moment was when he first took the mound at Yankee Stadium.

"I had to pinch myself the first time I was out there," he said. "I couldn't believe that it had happened to me. I always thought that there was just a fine line between a major league pitcher and a college pitcher. You do the same things. If you just do them a little more often, then you'll get to the majors."

Bahnsen spent all of 1967 in AAA, finishing with a 9-11 mark. Included in that record was a seven-inning perfect game. By 1968 he was in the big leagues for good.

The former walkon at Nebraska posted a 17-12 record for the Yankees to go along with a tiny 2.06 ERA. He tossed

10 complete games and worked a total of 267 innings. Those numbers were good enough to earn him American League Rookie of the Year honors from *The Sporting News*.

He spent three more years with the Yankees, never allowing his ERA to rise above 3.83. But he won just 37 games as the Yankees struggled. He was traded to the Chicago White Sox in 1972, and it was there that he met the man who would add years to his pitching life.

"I worked with Johnny Sain quite a bit after I went to Chicago," Bahnsen explained. "He was the first coach to really work with me on the strategy of pitching. He taught me how to set pitches up and when to use breaking balls. I was always a power pitcher, but Johnny gave me at least another five years in the majors."

The teaching of Sain had an immediate impact, as the former Husker surpassed the 20-win plateau for the only time of his career, finishing 21-16. The

White Sox club, which also included slugger Dick Allen (who won the AL MVP award) and knuckleball pitcher Wilbur Wood (who won 24 games while throwing an incredible 377 innings), chased Oakland all season only to wind up five and a half games behind the eventual World Series champs.

He won 18 games the next year, but also had 21 losses. By 1975, he was on his way to Oakland.

Bahnsen's final years coincided with the birth of free agency in baseball. Had his 20-win season come just a few years later, he might have parlayed that season into a hefty contract.

He was both a spot starter and reliever with the Athletics and later the Montreal Expos. He finished his career after the 1981 season, just two games under .500 (146-148), and he struck out over 1,300 batters in just over 2,500 innings.

He came close to baseball immortality on several occasions, losing a pair of no-hitters with two out in the eighth

and one with one out in the ninth. But Bahnsen said his biggest disappointment was never making it to the World Series.

"I was on six second-place clubs, but was never in the right place at the right time," said Bahnsen. The closest he came was at the end of his career, when the Philadelphia Phillies defeated Montreal in the 1981 division playoffs.

Although he is now involved in sports marketing in south Florida, Bahnsen keeps an eye on his old school. He was in the stands when the Huskers met Miami in the Orange Bowl, and he keeps in touch with several friends in the area. He's also kept an eye on the growing popularity of college baseball.

"I think it's great, what's happening in the college game. ESPN has done a lot to help promote the game. I follow some of the teams down here and have to shake my head at how big some of the programs are. It was tough for us back then. It really was like a labor of love. But it was also a lot of fun." ■

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# Orchestrating Success

PAT TYRANCE IS MUSICALLY, ACADEMICALLY AND ATHLETICALLY INCLINED, MAKING NU VERY STRONG ON THE WEAK SIDE.

By Pat Quinn



Tyrance was a "sleeper" recruit who has since blossomed.

Are you looking for an example to enhance your faith in the college student? Or, maybe your choice would be just "a real good young man," or possibly a role model for the teenager in your family?

Well, maybe you should consider Nebraska linebacker Patrick Henry Tyrance, a pleasantly articulate and humble junior-to-be, who's right in the thick of things according to Husker linebacker mentor Kevin Steele. Tyrance is one of three returning inside linebackers who have started at one time or another for Nebraska. He figures to be a key in the 1989 Husker defensive schemes.

Even though Steele only arrived in March to replace retired John Melton, he claims, "Pat's a good kid and very, very intelligent. He also has extraordinary quickness. And don't be surprised if you see Pat and Chris (Caliendo) both on the field, under certain circumstances, at the same time next fall."

Caliendo is Tyrance's principal competition on the weak side, and his words for Pat border on the affectionate. Says Caliendo, "Pat's one of the nicest guys I've ever known. There aren't many people alive who can spend the time playing football and make the grades in pre-med studies like Pat does. Smart? He's not smart — he's brilliant."

At UNL Tyrance manages a 3.4 GPA (he admits his overall high school GPA was only 3.1) and, in fact, will receive his baccalaureate degree next May, with a year of football eligibility remaining. He confesses, "I'll take my time before I apply for medical school. It's a little early to start that process. But it's not easy, believe me, to do all of this in college. There never seem to be enough hours in the day."

Tyrance has set lofty goals for himself. He'll apply for medical school at

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UNL and Creighton, but he'll also cast applications for a pair of med school "blue-bloods" near his childhood haunts: Johns Hopkins and Howard University. He's familiar with both, since he and his family moved from Baltimore to Omaha in 1983.

The only son of Pat Tyrance Sr., and Geraldine Tyrance of Omaha says, "I had mixed emotions about moving to Omaha. We lived in a totally trouble-free area in Baltimore, and I attended a predominantly white high school. This part was basically the same in Omaha.

"But, leaving old friends is never easy at that age (15 years). My parents put definite constraints on both my sister (Chinita, who is a freshman at UNL) and me when we were growing up. The latter part was the same in Baltimore and Omaha."

His father is a superintendent for AT&T. His mother is an independent insurance agent *and* an accomplished pianist, which had a big influence on the children. While they lived in Maryland, Geraldine was the accompanist for the Baltimore Symphony Chorus — no small cultural position in a city that size.

"Mom did teach piano, but she sent me to the Peabody Institute in Baltimore for lessons," Tyrance recalls. "It was a pretty expensive place to take lessons, and while it was fun for a while, it started to get a little boring after a while."

Mother Tyrance says, "I just felt I would've been too strict on both of the kids. Neither child relished the thought of taking lessons from me, either. Tony... that's what we called Pat when he was young... started taking lessons when he was 6 years old, and I must

confess, I always had dreams of him being a concert pianist."

What brought down the dream of a musical career for her son? Mrs. Tyrance, a deliberately thoughtful and intelligent mother, said, "My husband didn't like the idea of Tony practicing the piano early Saturday morning. So, his dad turned his efforts toward the football field. At the time, yes, I was very upset about him quitting the piano to play football."

Then she qualified the remark with a somewhat surprising answer, saying, "It's difficult to be a concert pianist, maybe even more so than becoming a professional football player. When I saw the lifestyle of the concert pianist as compared to what little I know about the professional athlete, I prefer the more flexible lifestyle of a pro football player for my son."

While his father turned his son's recreational habits toward football, Mom credits Dad for her son's disciplined academic habits. The young Tyrance says, "Dad used to work with me a lot on my studies and check my homework almost every night. If it was wrong or not good enough, I'd have to do it over."

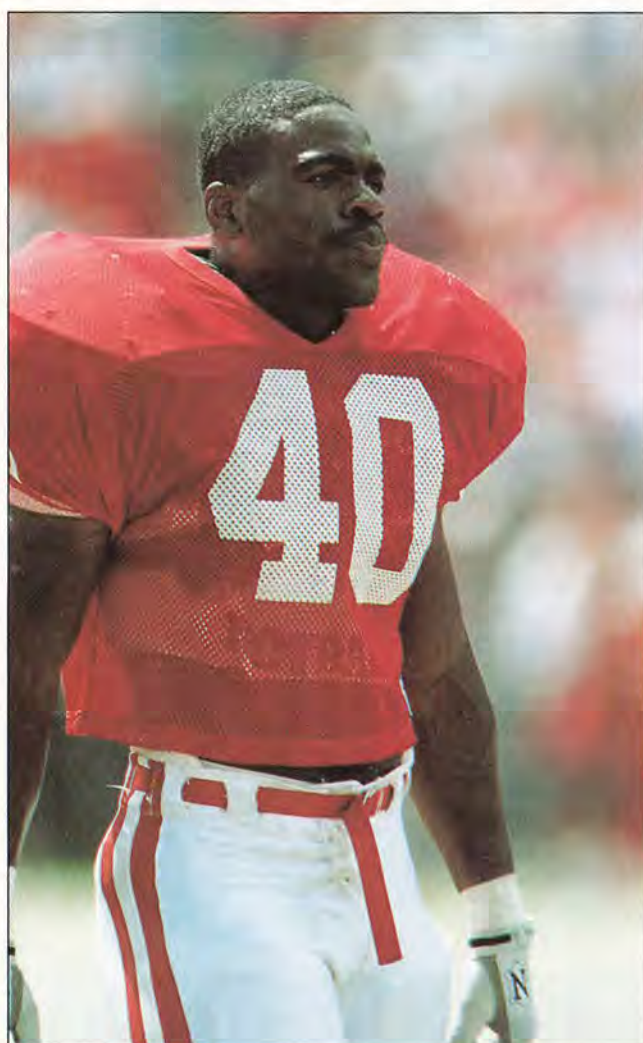
How do you explain better grades in tougher studies in college than in high school? Tyrance adds, "I did just well enough in high school to keep my parents off my back. Now, what my dad taught me has made me put more time into my college studies. I feel the main reason I've done better in college, other than general maturity, is time management. You have to develop this habit in college."

While Tyrance professes no nicknames, his mom betrays the reason for the moniker "Tony."

"Pat was such a rambunctious baby and youngster, I nicknamed him Tony — you know, from that tiger on the Kellogg's cereal box," she says with a smile. "For years, that was all we called him around the house. He didn't like it very much, but it was much easier than having two Pats."

After shedding his piano lessons, young Tyrance took up the saxophone, an instrument he played in the elementary and junior high bands. He claims, "I never caught any flack about being

**For two years  
in a row,  
Tyrance has  
had  
outstanding  
spring  
practices.**



a sissy because of the piano lessons, but down deep I must have thought that. It's one of the reasons I took up the sax. No, I can't do much with a saxophone now, but I sort of wish I'd kept up with it a little more."

Tyrance was "always a little larger than most kids my age" but football, which he started on an organized level in the third grade, was somewhat frustrating at first. He relates, "I always played in the line. I wanted to be a running back but they had weight limits on how much a ball carrier could weigh and I was always too big."

"When we got away from that rule, I was too slow to be a running back."

For three years he lettered at Millard North in Omaha, making all-state as a defensive tackle and tight end. He added two letters in wrestling, at which he sighs, "I did fairly well, nothing great. I did qualify for the state tournament my junior and senior years."

The recruiting decision was a little tougher than most think. Tyrance says, "Iowa State recruited me longer than anyone else. UNO offered me a scholarship but so did Iowa State. When Nebraska came in later and offered me a grant... well, it was a tougher decision than you might think."

The Huskers apparently aren't going to make that mistake on Tyrance's cousin, one Riddick Parker of Emporia (Hampton County High School), Va. Tyrance says, "Riddick is actually a lot smarter than I am but he's a little lazy. But, his dad's a school principal and his mom's a school teacher and they'll straighten that out."

"He's already 6-4, 250 pounds, wears a size 15 shoe and runs the 40 around or under 5-flat. I saw him, as did the Nebraska coaches, when we played in the Kickoff Classic this year."

About college football, Tyrance says, "You'd better find out if you like what you're doing. It's not fun and games like it is in high school. I always wanted to play college football because of what I saw on television. I didn't have any idea of the time and work it takes."

If you attempt to know this young man, you find that his statement is fact, not a complaint. He says this about Caliendo, "I'd like to think we have

**Tyrance started five games in '88 and finished with 36 tackles.**



mutual respect for each other. I know when I'm down a little or things aren't going all that well, he's always there with a pat on the back. I hope I do the same for him when the situation is reversed."

What time there is for recreation is spent with his girlfriend, Renita Robinson, who is an indoor and outdoor track All-American for the Lady Huskers in the triple jump. Tyrance chuckles when he says, "She's probably a better athlete than I am. She graduates in December and will go to graduate school next spring so she can compete her final year."

"Because we're both active Christians, we view most things in the same manner. Weekends? Quite often we're both speaking at FCA or other youth groups."

His best friends on the Husker varsity include roommate Lorenzo Hicks, wide receiver Morgan Gregory, outside linebacker Jeff Mills and the somewhat

cavalier but warm-hearted Caliendo. Tyrance describes Husker defensive chances thusly for 1989: "We had some good young players get some quality playing time last year. Some of those younger players had good springs, especially (Mike) Petko — he's going to be great."

"Nebraska's defense is always going to be good. Coach Steele is a good coach and is establishing a good rapport with the players. Coach (John) Melton was the same. But considering his health situation, it was probably pretty tough on him to retire."

"But probably both agree, we (the defense) have a lot of work to do, but if we apply ourselves we can surprise a lot of people."

Maybe Tyrance has already passed the inspection of a tougher critic... his mother, who now admits she enjoys seeing her son play. Besides, it might be easier to be a football player than a concert pianist. ■

By Mike Babcock

# Determination and Persistence

WITH HIS ENTHUSIASM AND HARD WORK, ASSISTANT COACH LYNN MITCHEM HAS HELPED UNL BECOME A SLEEPING GIANT.

**A** sign on the front of Lynn Mitchem's desk says: "You never fail . . . until you stop trying."

On the wall behind his desk is another sign: "Press on. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not: nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not: unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education alone will not: the world is full of educated derelicts. Per-

sistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

Both remind Mitchem of the personal qualities that have enabled him to become what he is now, at age 28, a full-time assistant coach in a major college basketball program.

For Mitchem, the road to success has been paved with persistence and determination, combined with hard work.

Consider his career as a basketball

player. "I was real limited in high school because I wasn't a great jumper and I wasn't real quick," he says.

Even so, he started as a junior and senior for South Bend John Adams teams that had a combined, two-year record of 45-3 in basketball-crazy Indiana. His senior season, Mitchem averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds per game, and shot 75 percent from the field.

"I was a 'garbage' player," he says, always in the right place at the right time. "I used my body well to get position, so I was able to go against taller guys and get my shot off."

Five of seven seniors on that Adams High team received NCAA Division I basketball scholarships.

Despite his high school success, Mitchem wasn't heavily recruited, primarily because he stands 6-4. He regularly competed against players from Notre Dame in pick-up games and was always a Fighting Irish fan. But he wasn't recruited by Notre Dame.

In fact, Butler University in Indianapolis was one of the few schools that took a serious interest in him, an interest for which the school was rewarded. Mitchem was a four-time All-Midwestern Collegiate Conference selection and three-time team MVP, averaging 15.5 points and 6.5 rebounds per game during his career there. By the time he finished his eligibility, he had scored 1,789 points, a school career record which has since been broken.

At Butler, "I played forward and got to shoot the ball more, go out on the court more," Mitchem says, explaining his collegiate success. Opportunity, plus hard work and persistence.

The Indiana Pacers gave him an opportunity, of sorts, after he graduated from Butler, making him an eighth-



**Despite a busy recruiting schedule, Mitchem often works out twice a day.**

round draft pick. But, again primarily because of his height, Mitchem's tryout didn't work out. So he returned to South Bend, where he spent one year teaching special education classes and coaching the girls' basketball team at Washington High.

Teaching and coaching had been Mitchem's goals "since I was in the fifth or sixth grade," he says. "Ever since I was little, I wanted to be a coach and a teacher. I don't know why. I've just always liked people and thought education was important."

That's attributable to his mother, an elementary teacher, and his father, a former police officer and security guard, and now a U.S. marshal.

"The reason I'm where I am now is because of my parents. They did a great job of raising me. They taught me to do things right," says Mitchem, who has a sister his age, Judy, and two older brothers, Ricky and Ron.

Because they were older, "I looked up to my brothers as role models," Mitchem says. Both were high school state champion wrestlers, Ricky at 185 pounds and Ron as a heavyweight.

"I saw a lot of wrestling," says Lynn, who has the build of a wrestler himself. However, "I only wrestled one year, in the seventh grade. I was 1-0. The next year, I was the student manager for the wrestling team. No way did I want to be a wrestler."

Often, at home, he had no choice. He and his brothers "used to have some big-time wrestling matches," he says. "They got after me pretty good."

All three of the brothers played high school football. Lynn earned all-state recognition in the sport. Ricky and Ron played on scholarship in college: Ricky at Illinois and Ron at Michigan State.

Ricky, a strong safety, was an Illini captain his senior year.

Although teaching and coaching were Lynn's goals, he was given a leave of absence by Washington High so he could play professional basketball in the Persian Gulf emirate of Bahrain, 22 miles east of Saudi Arabia.

"I still had the basketball fever in me," says Mitchem, who had stayed in shape by working out and playing in winter and summer leagues.

He spent nine months in Bahrain, and

"it was quite an experience."

Mitchem averaged 42 points per game, for a "good team," coached by an American, Bob Murphy.

The value of the experience went far beyond basketball, however. Even though there were U.S. military bases nearby, and "maybe 2,000 Americans" in the area, Mitchem found out what it's like to be a stranger in a strange land.

"I saw more Mercedes and Porsches there," he says. "I went to a sheik's house with a garage full of cars, 38 of them. It was unbelievable. There was so much money in Bahrain. It was wild."

The net result was, "you come to appreciate America more. One year there was all I could take. I like this country too much," Mitchem says.

He returned to South Bend in April and finished the school year as a student teacher at Washington High. While working basketball camps that summer, Mitchem, who was still only 24 years old, learned of an opening for a graduate assistant under Coach Gene Keady at Purdue. He was hired.

A year later, in the spring of 1986, Danny Nee was hired as Nebraska's head coach, and Mitchem made another move.

"When Coach Nee got the job at Nebraska, he called me and asked if I'd be interested in becoming a full-time assistant," says Mitchem.

The two knew each other from when Nee was an assistant at Notre Dame and had recruited one of Mitchem's high school teammates for the Fighting Irish. They also had met at basketball camps, so when Nee offered him a job, "I jumped at the chance," Mitchem says.

One of his primary responsibilities is to identify and make initial contact with potential recruits, a job that requires considerable travel. His first year at Nebraska, Mitchem estimates he was on the road 85 percent of the time.

That percentage has since dropped, because of a change in NCAA rules. But Mitchem still spends a lot of time living out of a suitcase.

"Anywhere there's a player, I'll be there. I don't care where I have to go. I'll go," says Mitchem.

He's particularly knowledgeable about the geography of Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and his home state of Indiana,



**Mitchem was barely recruited, then made all-conference four times at Butler.**

areas in which Nebraska has tried to establish its recruiting base.

Mitchem has gone from the Nebraska Sandhills and the Black Hills of South Dakota to inner city neighborhoods in search of basketball players.

"The roughest area I've been in is Detroit, Hyde Park," says Mitchem. "I don't mind going to inner city areas. That brings me back to reality. I'm not saying I grew up in the inner city, but Lincoln is like hog heaven. You don't have to worry about anything here."

Travel can become a grind, but "I don't mind," he says. "It's a part of my job, and I take it very seriously. It's what I have to do."

Despite his rigorous travel schedule, Mitchem still finds time to work out, often twice a day. He stays in shape by lifting and running with the same dedication and determination that characterizes everything else he does.

Mitchem looks capable of playing organized basketball and believes he probably could for the right NBA team. "But I didn't have any trouble walking away from it," he says. "I told myself, if I can't play, I can't play. Some guys don't realize when the dream is over, you've got to give it up and move on to some-

thing else."

Even so, he likes to get out on the court and join the action, something he was forced to do during the team's tour of Australia and New Zealand last spring. The Cornhuskers were short of players because of injuries and Mitchem was pressed into service, briefly.

"Coach Nee doesn't like me playing

with the guys," Mitchem says. A smile crosses his face as he continues. "He says I'm too physical, that I throw too many elbows. But that's the way I learned to play. When I was little, the older guys told me, 'That's what you've got to do.' You have to survive some way, and that's how I did it."

He approaches his job with similar

determination, underscored by unrestrained and sincere enthusiasm, qualities so important to recruiting. Mitchem obviously believes in his product, Cornhusker basketball.

"I really love what I'm doing," he says. "There's not a better job in the country. Nebraska is a sleeping giant. The NIT is nice, but we've got to get to the NCAA tournament, the big show, get the Devaney Center rocking."

He's convinced that will happen. "Coach Nee is a great motivator, so positive," says Mitchem.

He could say the same of himself. Mitchem is always upbeat, with a smile on his face and a ready handshake that conveys a genuine concern for people, particularly children.

"I like to talk to people. I want to help them," Mitchem says. "I like reading motivational books, and I read somewhere that the way you can be successful is by helping other people. That's why I'm usually upbeat and always in a pretty good mood."

"You've got to help people. That's the name of the game."

Again, the discussion turns to his parents. "If you have a good foundation at home, you can be successful," says Mitchem.

"That's why our society is so messed up now. There are so many one-parent homes. It all has to start with discipline and dedication."

Mitchem's parents didn't just talk about those qualities. They instilled the qualities by setting examples.

"Both of my parents went back to school. My father and I got (college) degrees the same year," says Mitchem. "That was very impressive to me."

Mitchem has taken the same approach in his dealings with people. He tries to set a good example, be a role model.

As an athlete, "I worked extremely hard," he says. "Everything I got, I worked for. I didn't have the God-given ability. Granted, I think I became a good athlete, but I worked hard to get to the place I could be successful."

After he went to Butler University, "some people said, 'We really messed up on you.' I think I proved a lot of people wrong," Mitchem says.

It's no secret how he did that. Persistence and determination. ■

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The Nebraska men's basketball program underwent some changes following the recent season, the most significant of which involved the resignation of part-time assistant coach Arden Reid.

Husker coach Danny Nee announced that Reid had submitted a written resignation dated March 22 and effective July 1.

Reid apparently intends to pursue a head coaching job in college, Nee said during a brief news conference, adding that he and Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney were "going to do everything in our power to help him find another position."

Reid was a member of Nee's original Cornhusker staff, coming to Nebraska from Lancaster, Ohio, where he was a successful high school coach.

His son, Beau, also came along to Nebraska, transferring from Ohio University, the school with which he had signed an early letter of intent; Nee previously coached there.

Beau Reid, who will be a junior next season, says he intends to finish his collegiate eligibility at Nebraska. "When I came here, I came here because of Coach Nee, not because of my father," he said. "When I came, I made a commitment to Nebraska, Coach Nee and a lot of people."

"I like it here. I respect all the decisions Coach (Nee) has

made. It is a business, and if he's uncomfortable with any part of it, it's his right to change it. Life goes on."

Beau Reid would have had to sit out a season if he had transferred to an NCAA Division I school, but that didn't affect his decision to stay.

"Coach Nee's been my coach the last two years. My father's had very little to do with my playing the last two years," Beau Reid said.

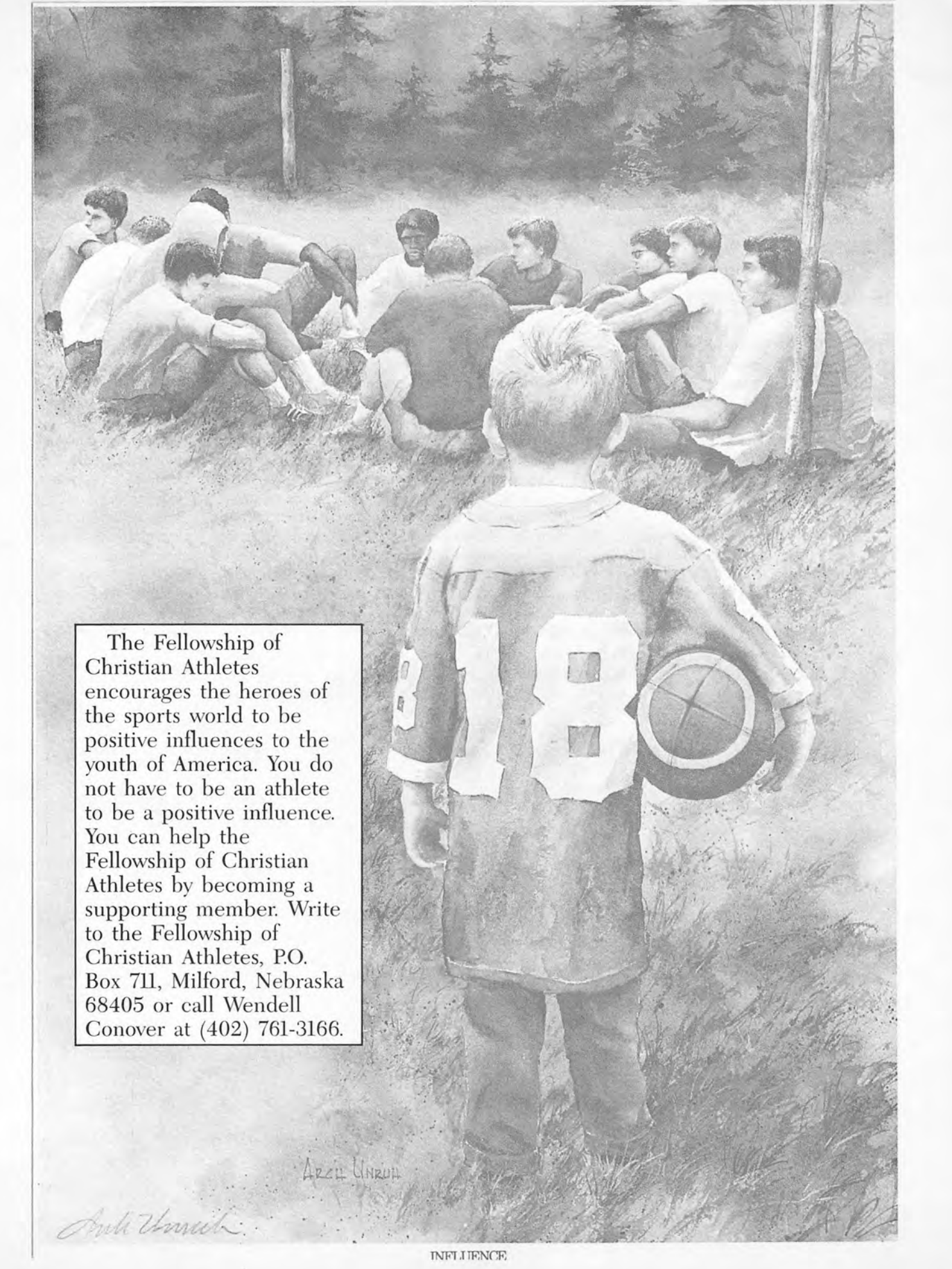
Arden Reid's primary coaching responsibility was to work with the Cornhusker big men.

Nee indicated he might not replace Reid, redefining the roles of his other assistant coaches instead.

In addition to the departure of Arden Reid, Nee announced that reserves Jed Borgen and Eric Dolezal would not return next season. Both are looking to transfer, according to Nee.

Borgen, who would have been a junior, walked on from Lincoln East High School but was given a scholarship as a freshman. Dolezal was a scholarship recruit from LaPorte, Ind., who would have been a sophomore next season.

"Both of these guys leave the program with our blessing. They're both outstanding student-athletes," Nee said, adding that "after talking with them, it just didn't look like they were ever going to play."



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# GO BIG GREEN

WHAT'S BETTER THAN SACKING QUARTERBACKS? SACKING GREENBACKS, AND FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICK BRODERICK THOMAS SHOULD DO JUST THAT.

By Ken Hambleton

**B**y the time the dust cleared, seven Nebraska seniors had been drafted by NFL teams in the two-day, 12-round, 335-player NFL draft in late April.

Nebraska had its 19th first-round pick and its ninth first-round pick of the 1980s when Broderick Thomas was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the first round.

Thomas was the sixth pick in the draft and was almost assured of a chance to take a starting position with the Bucs.

The next to go was somewhat of a surprise: noseguard Lawrence Pete was chosen by the Detroit Lions in the fifth

round.

But it was a long wait — until the second day of the draft — before the next five former Cornhuskers were taken.

Wingback Dana Brinson went in the eighth round to San Diego, safety Tim Jackson in the ninth to Dallas, tight end Todd Millikan in the 10th to Chicago, defensive tackle Willie Griffin in the 11th to Tampa Bay and quarterback Steve Taylor in the 12th to Indianapolis.

The excitement for the players who were drafted was matched by the disappointment of the Cornhuskers who weren't picked.

Linebacker LeRoy Etienne, corner-

back Charles Fryar and tailback Tyreese Knox were all pegged by the experts to be taken, but were not.

"I wasn't too surprised at the order the Cornhuskers were taken, but I was shocked LeRoy Etienne was not taken before the eighth round," said Mel Kiper Jr., editor of *Draft Publications* and considered a national expert on the NFL draft. "That was a shock because I considered LeRoy better than half of the linebackers who were chosen."

But Etienne was soon contacted by many clubs and has since inked a free agent deal with the New York Giants.

Meanwhile, Thomas, a two-time All-

## BIG EIGHT PLAYERS IN THE DRAFT

PLAYER	TEAM	ROUND	TOTAL PICK	* POS.	SCHOOL
Barry Sanders	Detroit	1	3	RB	Oklahoma St.
Broderick Thomas	Tampa Bay	1	6	LB	Nebraska
Hart Lee Dykes	New England	1	16	WR	Oklahoma St.
Lawrence Pete	Detroit	5	115	DT	Nebraska
Anthony Stafford	Denver	6	152	WR	Oklahoma
Eric Mitchel	New England	6	165	RB	Oklahoma
Carl Bax	Tampa Bay	8	200	G	Missouri
Dana Brinson	San Diego	8	204	WR	Nebraska
Tony Woods	Chicago	8	216	DT	Oklahoma
Tim Jackson	Dallas	9	224	DB	Nebraska
Todd Millikan	Chicago	10	270	TE	Nebraska
Joe Henderson	New Orleans	10	273	RB	Iowa State
Willie Griffin	Tampa Bay	11	290	DE	Nebraska
Steve Taylor	Indianapolis	12	323	QB	Nebraska
Anthony Phillips	Chicago	12	333	G	Oklahoma

\* Positions listed are those projected by the drafting teams, not necessarily those played in college.



**Broderick Thomas (center, smiling) will now play for the Bucs, lotsa bucks in fact.**

American and three-time All-Big Eight outside linebacker, is almost assured of a multi-million dollar deal with the Bucs.

The Houston native said he was thrilled to be picked by Tampa Bay, a team he said is on the border of turning into a solid contender.

Tampa Bay was just as excited.

Buccaneers coach Ray Perkins said he was happy to have Thomas. "Broderick offers us a rare combination of speed, size, strength and explosiveness. That kind of talent and work ethic are the type of things that don't come around that often," he said.

"He will give us an added dimension from a pass-rushing standpoint that we really needed going into the draft."

Tampa Bay had the best rushing defense in the league last year but had the fewest sacks of any team, including just two from its outside linebackers.

Former Denver Bronco all-pro linebacker and now commentator Tom Jackson said Thomas could do a lot of good for Tampa Bay.

"His aggressiveness is going to do a lot of things for the club because he is impossible to handle one-on-one and that helps a defense in so many ways."

For Thomas, the draft ended a long period of anxiety.

"You never know what's going to happen and I had butterflies worse than before any game I played at Nebraska,"

he said. "The thing is, I want to represent Nebraska, the team and the school and the fans. And I want to make them as proud of me as I am of them."

"This is a great opportunity. I know I can give them some sacks, and I know I can be a part of Coach Perkins' rebuilding effort there."

"I think Tampa Bay will be ready for someone like me."

Thomas' agent, Howard Misle, who

**"I want to represent the team, school and fans. I want to make them as proud of me as I am of them."  
- Broderick Thomas**

represented 10 former Cornhuskers, said he was excited about Thomas' chances.

"If you look at the talent Broderick offers Tampa Bay and the fact most of the teams that have made the turnaround in recent years have done it with linebackers, Broderick should have a chance to make a big impact on the team. We've seen the Chicago Bears, Buffalo Bills and Indianapolis Colts all turn fortunes around with great

linebackers, and Broderick has a chance to do that for Tampa Bay."

Thomas' NU teammate Lawrence Pete said he was surprised and pleased to be taken in the fifth round by Detroit.

"When you think that a year ago I had quit the team because I had a new baby, was closing in on graduating and had all other kinds of pressure on me, this is really a blessing," Pete said.

"I have to thank Coach McBride (NU defensive coordinator Charlie McBride) for so much and for me getting this far," said Pete, who rejoined the Cornhuskers last August and was All-Big Eight by season's end.

"I don't know much about Detroit, but they told me I have a good chance and that's all I want," Pete said.

Brinson, a native Georgian who is headed to the West Coast and San Diego, said he was told he'd have a good chance with the Chargers.

"I expected to go sooner, but they told me they had to fill some positions first. When San Diego did take me, they called and asked if I was ready to play for them."

"Their receivers coach, Charlie Joiner, told me I was their only return man drafted and I was their third receiver picked. He said my speed and the fact I'm healthy will be big factors in my chance to make the team."

Brinson said he was happy to be going to San Diego. "It's a team on the upbeat.

## Major Conferences in the Pro Draft

League	Players Drafted
SEC	46
Pac 10	38
Big Ten	24
SWC	24
ACC	23
Big Eight	15
WAC	9

## NFL DRAFT TOP 20

TEAM	PLAYERS DRAFTED
1. Auburn	10
2. W. Virginia	8
3. Arkansas	7
Florida	7
Nebraska	7
UCLA	7
7. Florida State	6
Georgia	6
LSU	6
*Miami (Fla.)	6
Penn State	6
Pitt	6
Syracuse	6
14. *Alabama	5
Arizona	5
California	5
Clemson	5
Notre Dame	5
Texas A&M	5
USC	5
Washington	5

\* Players from these schools applied from this summer's supplemental draft.

I think it's the perfect place for me."

Millikan, who had been picked to go as early as the third round, was so disappointed he hadn't been picked sooner, he was fishing when the Bears picked him in the 10th round.

"I'm glad I finally got picked, and my chances are pretty good because they didn't pick any other tight ends and have just two on the roster now," Millikan said. "I'm completely healthy and in the best shape I've been in for a long time, so they'll get my best shot."

Jackson said he was told Dallas needs a safety, and he's happy to be going to a team so close to his home.

Griffin also said he will give the pros his best shot despite the pick in the later rounds. "I'm happy. I'm not overjoyed. No matter what round you get drafted in, you've still got to make the team."

Taylor, chosen by Indianapolis, has already signed a contract with the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said he was very disappointed for the players who weren't picked in the draft and happy for those who were.

"You never know in the draft," said Osborne. "They do all the scouting and testing, and then they still call me the day before the draft to find out what I think. We have a policy here that we don't tell them anything if we don't have something good to say about a player."

"I haven't understood the draft since the time I was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers over the phone," he said. "A guy who was headed to Nebraska was snowed in at Denver and he called and asked what it would take for me to be a 49er. I said \$5,000, and he replied that the minimum was \$6,500. So, I said I'd take it. But the problem with the draft is, there is such a great potential for disappointment because scouts and agents build up a player to expect so much and often it just doesn't turn out that way."

In retrospect, it was the second year in a row the Huskers had seven players taken after back-to-back drafts (following the '85 and '86 seasons) in which only a quartet of Nebraskans were selected. It also marked the third year in a row that more defensive players than offensive players got a call. It's been a 4-3 split in favor of the Black Shirts in

'88 and '89.

In fact, more Black Shirts have been drafted in the last three years (11) than in the previous six pro lotteries. Overall, 32 Nebraska offensive players have been taken in the nine drafts this decade, while 21 Black Shirts have been chosen.

Thomas is the highest drafted line-backer from NU since 1982 when Jimmy Williams was selected in the first round by the Detroit Lions.

For the Big Eight Conference, the draft was disappointing. Only 15 Big Eighters were taken compared with the 46 drafted from the Southeastern Conference which led all major college conferences in players selected. Only the Western Athletic Conference (with nine draftees) had fewer players selected than the Big Eight.

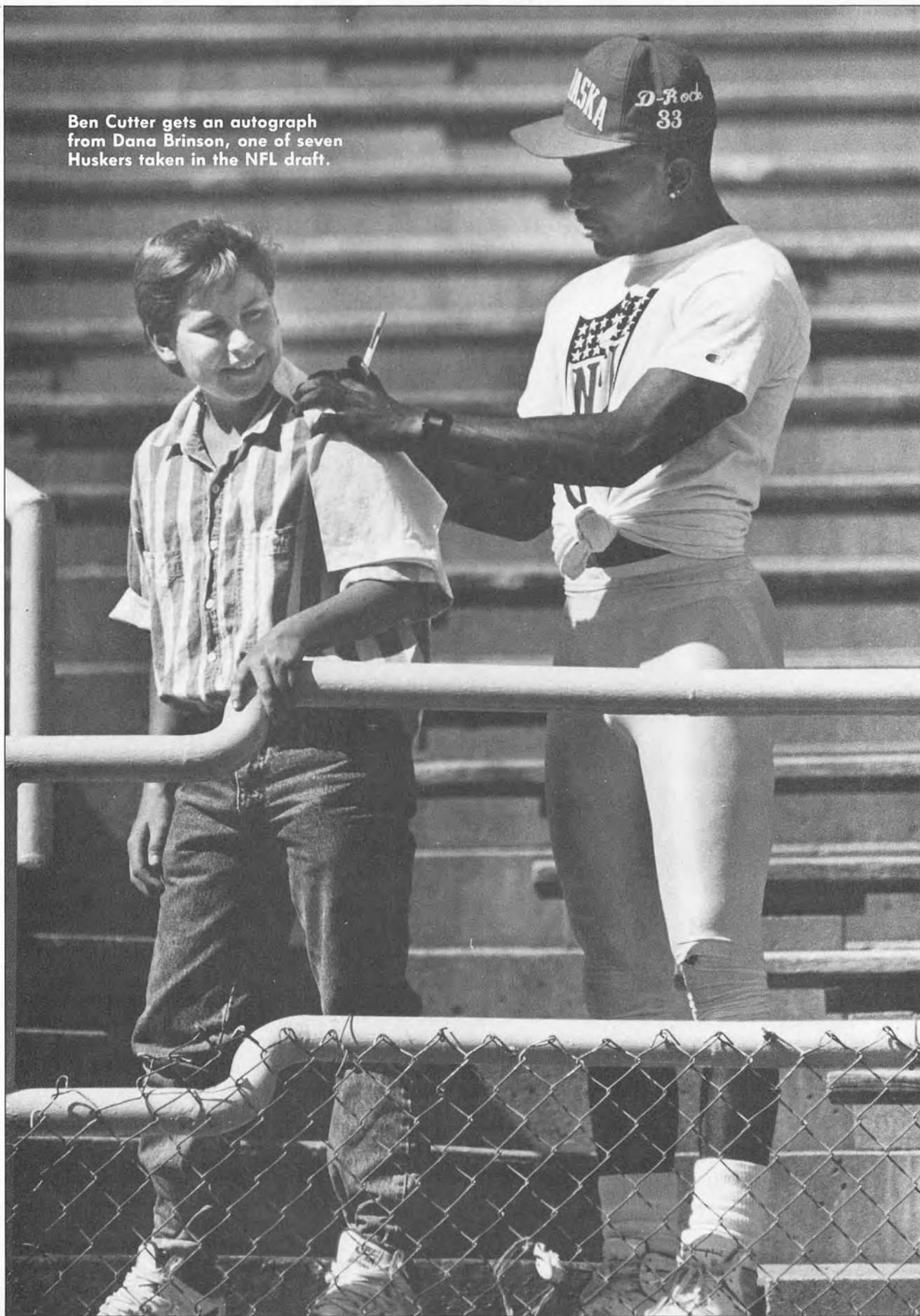
Perhaps the best way to describe it is

**Tom Osborne was disappointed for the players who weren't picked and happy for those who were.**

bizarre: the league's draftees had some interesting stories to tell. Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State left school with a year's eligibility left; Hart Lee Dykes of OSU was evidently a pro player long before this year's draft, having admitted that he took money to sign with the Cowboys; Pete had quit the Huskers last spring before rejoining the team; half-back Anthony Stafford of OU was drafted as a wide receiver even though he caught only four passes in his college career; halfback Eric Mitchel of OU was taken in the sixth round after only starting two games in four years at Norman; Taylor had already signed a three-year deal with Edmonton of the CFL; and Anthony Phillips of OU was a consensus All-American in 1988 but was the third-from-the-last player drafted.

Three other former Huskers signed free-agent contracts this spring. 1987 graduate Rod Smith inked with the Kansas City Chiefs, while 1988 Husker guard Andy Keeler and defensive back Charles Fryar agreed to terms with Minnesota and the New York Giants, respectively. ■

Ben Cutter gets an autograph from Dana Brinson, one of seven Huskers taken in the NFL draft.





# Bright Futures

FROM WRESTLING TO TRACK TO GYMNASTICS,  
NEBRASKA WAS VERY GOOD LAST YEAR.  
AND VERY YOUNG.

By Mike Larsen

Nebraskans can be fairly sure of some things during the first part of every year: it will be cold, it will be snowy, and the Cornhuskers will win at least a handful of Big Eight Conference championships.

While the weather in the first few months of 1989 fluctuated between unusually mild and bitterly cold, a number of Nebraska's teams remained consistently hot.

Two teams — the women's indoor track and men's swimming and diving teams — extended their strings of consecutive Big Eight meet titles to 10. The men's indoor track and women's gymnastics teams won their third league crowns in a row, and the men's gymnastics squad notched its second consecutive conference victory.

The men's gymnastics team also led a procession of top 10 finishes at the national level, placing second at the NCAA Championships. The runner-up performance marked the 10th time in 11 years the gymnasts finished second or higher, a period that includes six NCAA titles.

The Huskers also finished fourth in the nation in women's gymnastics, sixth in women's indoor track and 10th in men's swimming.

## GYMNASTICS

The Nebraska men's gymnastics team began the 1988-89 season with a tough act to follow. In their final competition the previous year, the Huskers set a national scoring record with 288.15 points in the NCAA team finals.

That team included 1988 Olympians Kevin Davis and Tom Schlesinger, both in their final seasons of eligibility. A third Olympian, Lance Ringnald, had committed to the Huskers and planned to enroll at Nebraska after the Seoul Games ended, but he changed his mind and chose instead to concentrate on international competition.

"We knew we were going to be a little weak," Coach Francis Allen said. "We knew we were going to have to work hard."

If hard work was what was needed, the Huskers had a strong nucleus ready to do it. Senior Mike Epperson and juniors Patrick Kirksey, Bob Stelter and

Mark Warburton had all won All-America honors at past NCAA meets.

Nebraska got off to a good start by winning its own Big Eight Invitational in November and defeating Iowa State and Oklahoma in a triangular at Norman, Okla., in January. The Huskers then finished second to Illinois in the tough UCLA Invitational, a meet that Allen said convinced him his team was prepared to give its best.

Nebraska closed the pre-NCAA season with its best performance to that point, a 282.15 score in the Big Eight Championships at Ames, Iowa. That was more than enough to defeat Iowa State (264.9) and Oklahoma (262.0), the latter having trouble fielding a complete team all season because of injuries.

Based on its season average, Nebraska was the No. 7 seed heading into the NCAA Championships April 13-15 in Lincoln. But Allen's teams have always been known to peak at NCAA time, and this season was no exception. The Huskers won the qualifying round with a score of 283.6 the first night before finishing second to Illinois in the team finals (283.4 for the Illini to 282.3 for Nebraska).

The Huskers then came back on the final day of the meet with six All-America performances. Kirksey led the way by winning the all-around (a combined score of 112.6 for the optionals and compulsories), tying for second on the parallel bars (9.7), finishing fifth on the high bar (9.35) and finishing sixth on the pommel horse (9.35).

Stelter was also an All-American in the all-around, finishing fourth (111.3). Epperson, meanwhile, tied for third on the high bar (9.45).

"From where we started, this is the best team we've had in a long time," Allen said. "And Patrick Kirksey winning the all-around puts the frosting on the year."

While Allen's men were continuing a strong tradition, the Nebraska women's gymnastics team was breaking new ground.

Coach Rick Walton led the Husker women to the NCAA Championships twice in his first five seasons, finishing 10th in 1987 and again in 1988.

This year's squad showed that it was ready to do even better, breaking the



**Junior Tami Bair (above) paced the best NCAA effort in school history while Patrick Kirksey (opposite left) was the frosting on a good year for men's gymnastics.**

team scoring record early in the campaign with a 190.8 during a duel with Iowa State in February.

The Huskers came back and reset the record two days later with a 192.1 at the inaugural Masters Classic in Lincoln, a meet that organizers hope will become one of the premier events on the women's gymnastics calendar.

Before the season was over, the women had topped the old school record of 190.1 a total of seven times. Their peak came at the Big Eight Championships in Norman, Okla. Their score of 194.2 also broke the league record.

Nebraska entered the Midwest Regional ranked second in the nation.

After finishing second to Utah in the regional at Salt Lake City, the Huskers were seeded fourth for the NCAA meet April 14-15 at Athens, Ga. Their score of 190.8 was good for a school-record fourth in a meet that host Georgia won.

The Huskers added their first-ever All-America performances to their best national finish. Junior Tami Bair tied for fourth on the balance beam (9.7) and tied for fifth on the vault (9.55), senior Crystal Savage tied for second on the uneven bars (9.8), and junior Michele Bryant tied for eighth on the uneven bars (9.7).

"For us, the season was a great success," Walton said. "Having our first

All-Americans and finishing fourth in the nation and returning all but four of the routines we did at nationals certainly makes us a legitimate contender to win the national championship next year."

## SWIMMING

Good things came in 10s for the Nebraska men's swimming and diving team. The Huskers set a school record with 10 victories before winning their 10th straight Big Eight meet and finishing 10th at the NCAA Championships.

Nebraska's 10-3 record included a perfect 3-0 mark against conference

teams, and the Huskers were favored to win the Big Eight meet held March 1-4 in Lincoln. They did just that, scoring 655.5 points to 560 for Kansas.

Husker highlights from the meet included a meet-record score of 558.3 points in 1-meter diving by both senior Lewis Meyers and junior Lawrence Roddick.

Roddick and Meyers also accounted for three of Nebraska's five All-America showings when the NCAA meet was held March 30-April 1 at Indianapolis. Meyers finished fifth on the 10-meter tower (654.4) and eighth on the 3-meter board (537.85). Roddick was fifth on the 1-meter board (525.65).

The Huskers' other All-Americans were a pair of fifth-place relay teams. Senior Mike Irvin, sophomore Ryan Bell, senior Dan Novinski and senior Mark Nieuwenhuis combined to swim the 800-yard freestyle relay in 6 minutes, 28.55 seconds, and sophomore Rick Havekost, walkon freshman Bob Fitzpatrick, Nieuwenhuis and sophomore Peter Williams turned in a time of 1:19.47 in the 200 freestyle relay.

"We felt we did extremely well," said Cal Bentz, assessing his team's performance during the 11th year of his second tenure as men's coach. "We won the Big Eight Championships for our 10th consecutive win, and we were 10th at the NCAA Championships. The NCAA and the Big Eight Conference are a measure of what success we have had in our program."

For the past four seasons, Irvin has been the top contributor to that success. Irvin won his fourth straight 200 individual medley title at the Big Eight Championships in a meet-record 1:49.98 and might have won his fourth consecutive 400 IM crown had he not been disqualified for missing a turn during the preliminaries.

Irvin also closed out his college career as the Huskers' most prolific scorer at NCAA meets.

"It's going to be tough for us to replace him," Bentz said. "We've made every effort to do that, and we expect to have an even better team next year than this year."

Women's swimming coach Ray Huppert is also expecting his team to be better in 1989-90. But that doesn't mean he wasn't pleased with the most recent season.

With a team that had only two seniors (diver Julie May and swimmer Jennifer Pederson), the Huskers compiled a 5-7 record — including a 2-1 conference mark — before finishing second to Kansas (703-626) at the Big Eight meet. Nebraska then placed 29th with 16 points when the NCAA Championships were held March 16-18 at Indianapolis.

"Other than not winning the Big Eight meet, which we were peaking for, I think it was a very successful year for us," 13th-year coach Huppert said. "I'm not going to take that second-place finish and say we didn't have a



**Linetta Wilson won her third Big Eight 400 in a row, in record time.**

successful year.”

As was the case with the Husker men, the women were bolstered by an exceptionally strong diving squad. Both groups of divers were coached by Jeff Huber, who left Nebraska at the end of the season to become the coach at Indiana.

May was the Husker women's only All-American, finishing fifth in 1-meter diving with 461 points. At the Big Eight meet, May won the 1-meter and 3-meter titles, setting a meet record with 515 points on the 3-meter board.

Junior Carole Johnson also had a record performance at the conference meet when she won her third consecutive 100-meter backstroke title. Her time of 58.13 matched the meet record she set in 1987.

### INDOOR TRACK

When the Nebraska women's track team won the Big Eight indoor meet held Feb. 24-25 in Lincoln, it marked the 17th conference title in 17 tries (nine indoor, eight outdoor) since Gary Pepin became coach.

Before playing host to the Big Eight meet, the Bob Devaney Sports Center served as the site for another major competition. The Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational — named for the longtime Husker coach — took place Feb. 10-11.

The Sevigne meet included another classic confrontation between the Huskers' Linetta Wilson and Missouri's Natasha Kaiser. One season earlier at the same meet, Wilson had outraced Kaiser and set the collegiate indoor record for 400 meters with a time of 52.52. This time, Kaiser came out on top — and reset the record in the process — with a time of 52.39.

Kaiser's record run contributed to her being named the women's MVP of the meet. Nebraska senior Regis Humphrey, who set a meet record in the 800 (1:49.68), received the men's honor.

Though Wilson came up short against Kaiser, she came back two weeks later and won her third consecutive Big Eight 400 in 52.98, setting a meet record. Teammate Renita Robinson, like Wilson a senior, also notched a third consecutive crown in record fashion when she won the triple jump with a

42-foot ½-inch leap.

Those two performances helped Nebraska cruise to the meet title, scoring 155 points to 88 for runner-up Missouri.

From the Big Eight meet, it was on to the NCAA Championships held March 10-11 at Indianapolis. The Huskers totaled 17 points to place sixth in a meet won by Louisiana State.

Wilson led the Huskers, finishing second in the 400 (52.74) to Kaiser (who broke the indoor mark again with a time of 51.92) and running a leg on Nebraska's second-place 1,600 relay team. Wilson teamed with junior Ximena Restrepo, junior Beth Webster

and freshman Tanya Lidy to run the race in 3:35.21.

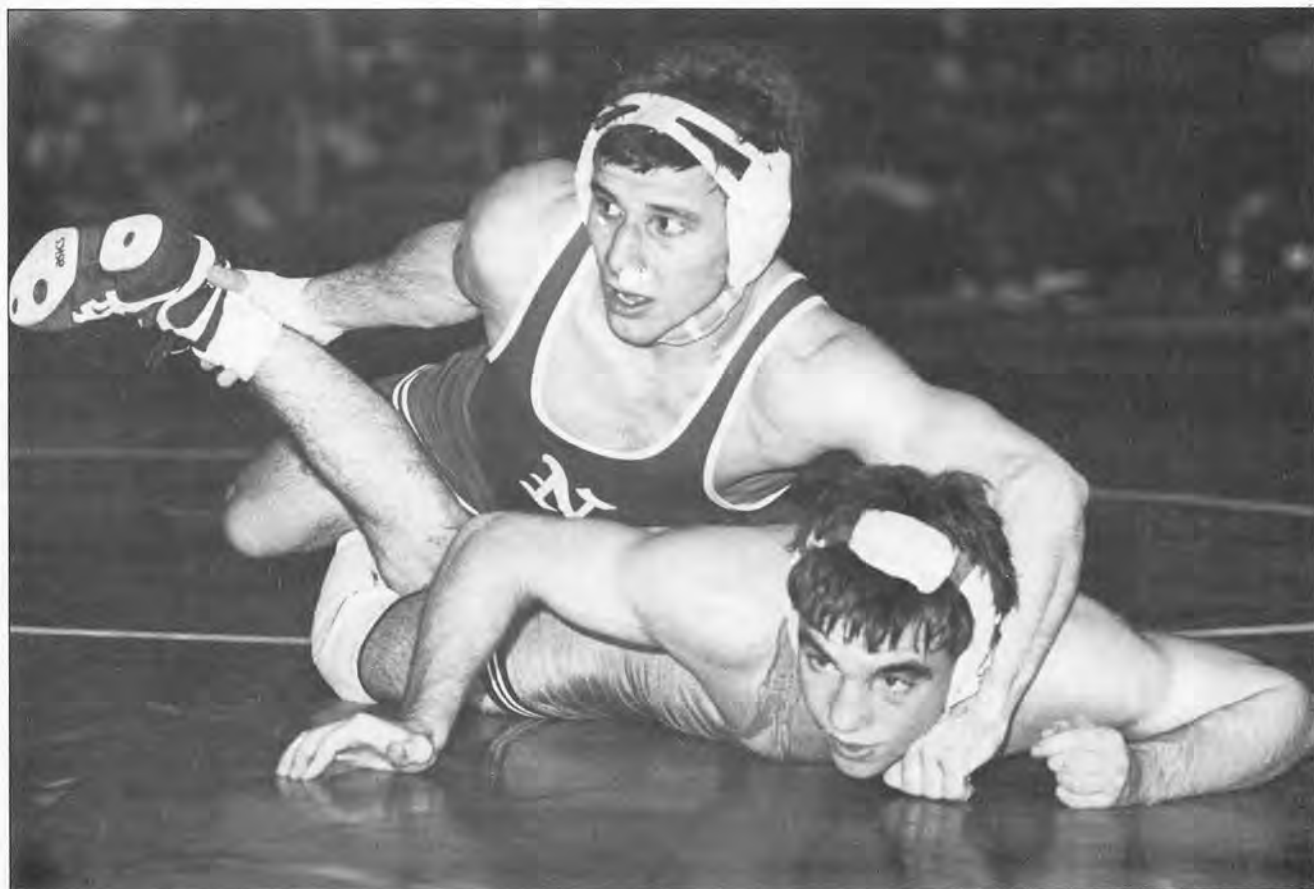
Robinson gave the Nebraska women their other All-America finish, placing sixth in the triple jump at 40-6.

“We had a very, very good women's team indoors,” Pepin said. “Yvonne van der Kolk, one of our best runners, didn't compete in the indoor NCAA meet because of injury. Renita Robinson came back from being injured all fall. Although she got to compete at nationals, she wasn't at full tilt. Had those two been healthy, we would have placed even higher.”

After three years serving exclusively as the women's coach, Pepin also



**Sophomore Dieudonne Kwizera (338) won All-America honors in the 800.**



**Sophomore 126-pounder Jason Kelber (top) earned All-America status at the NAAs.**

assumed the men's coaching job in 1984. This year's Big Eight indoor title was Pepin's fifth conference crown (four indoor, one outdoor) with the men.

Nebraska won by scoring 123 points compared with 105 apiece for Iowa State and Kansas State.

Sophomore Dieudonne Kwizera scored the Huskers' only points at the NCAA meet, earning All-America honors when he placed fourth in the 800 (1:48.57). Nebraska's four points were good enough for a tie for 36th.

## WRESTLING

According to *Amateur Wrestling News*, Nebraska coach Tim Neumann's 1988 recruiting class was the second-best in the nation, trailing only the class of 1988 NCAA champion Arizona State.

While that group of recruits will no doubt make its mark before leaving Nebraska (freshman 190-pounder Tommy Robbins and 150-pound junior Paul Herrera, a junior college transfer, cracked the regular lineup already in

1988-89), three other wrestlers made the biggest impact during this season.

First, senior Jeff Coltvet became only the fourth Husker to notch 100 career victories. The 158-pound competitor reached the milestone Jan. 20 against Clemson and eventually finished second on the career school charts with 113 wins. Bill Scherr holds the Nebraska record with 133 victories, and Gary Albright (112) and Jim Scherr (109) also have triple-figure win totals.

Sophomores Jason Kelber (sixth place, 126 pounds) and Scott Chenoweth (eighth place, 167) then earned All-America status when the NCAA Championships were held March 16-18 at Oklahoma City. They became the third and fourth Husker All-Americans in Neu-

mann's four years as coach.

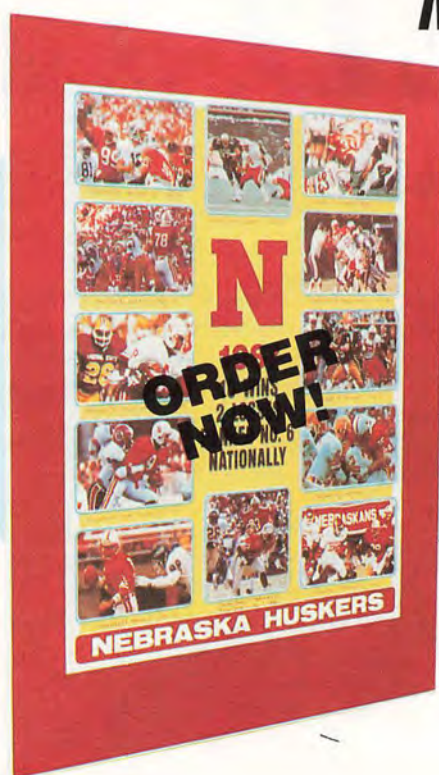
"We were happy with the final outcome but realized it was just a step in the direction we're headed," said Neumann, whose team scored 28 points to finish 17th at the NCAA meet. "Two sophomore All-Americans and two other underclassmen coming a step from placing puts us in a good position. We're really looking forward to next season based on this season."

One thing the Husker wrestlers always have to look forward to is a tough conference schedule. One highlight from the season was a victory against Iowa State, Nebraska's first against the Cyclones since 1951. The Huskers also took eventual national champion Oklahoma State to the final match before losing 23-15. Nebraska has not defeated the Cowboys since 1921.

Oklahoma State also won the Big Eight Championships at Ames, Iowa, a meet at which Nebraska took fourth. Junior heavyweight Sonny Manley was the Huskers' only Big Eight champion. ■

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Get your scorecards and pencils ready. You can't tell the players without a scorecard.

That'll be the story next fall when the Nebraska football team takes to the field with plenty of newcomers, new faces and "sleepers" in the lineup.

The hotly contested battles to fill in

the spots for All-American outside linebacker Broderick Thomas and All-Big Eight quarterback Steve Taylor are the most publicized races.

There are some familiar faces at those positions with senior Gerry Gdowski and sophomore Mickey Joseph in the lead for the quarterback position.

Also in the race are freshman Mike Grant, who quarterbacked the freshman team last fall, and redshirt sophomore Keithen McCant, who quarterbacked the freshman team two years ago.

McCant proved in the spring, before he was injured, that he had one of the best passing arms on the team and he impressed Coach Tom Osborne: "He needs to work on his running a bit, but he played well."

Grant (6-2, 200) also impressed Osborne this spring. "He has done very well and he's picking up the offense. He has a lot of ability and he throws and runs very well," Osborne said.

Thomas' replacement at left outside linebacker is the experienced returning senior Jeff Mills. Mills' place on the right side was taken by junior Mike Croel, who saw plenty of varsity playing time last year.

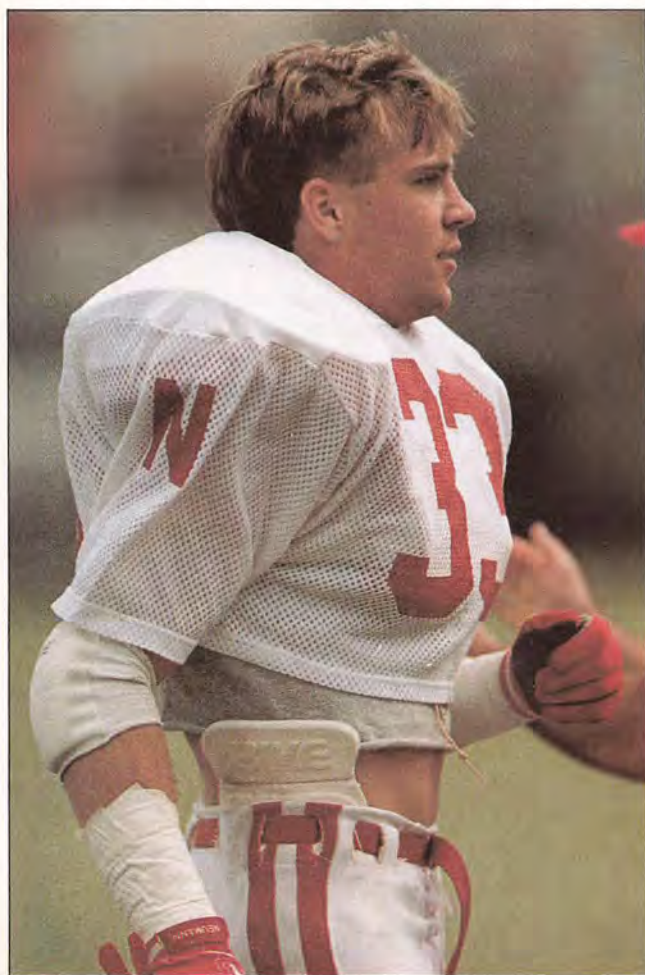
Dan Svehla is the backup at the right and left sides and has played extremely well all spring, Osborne said.

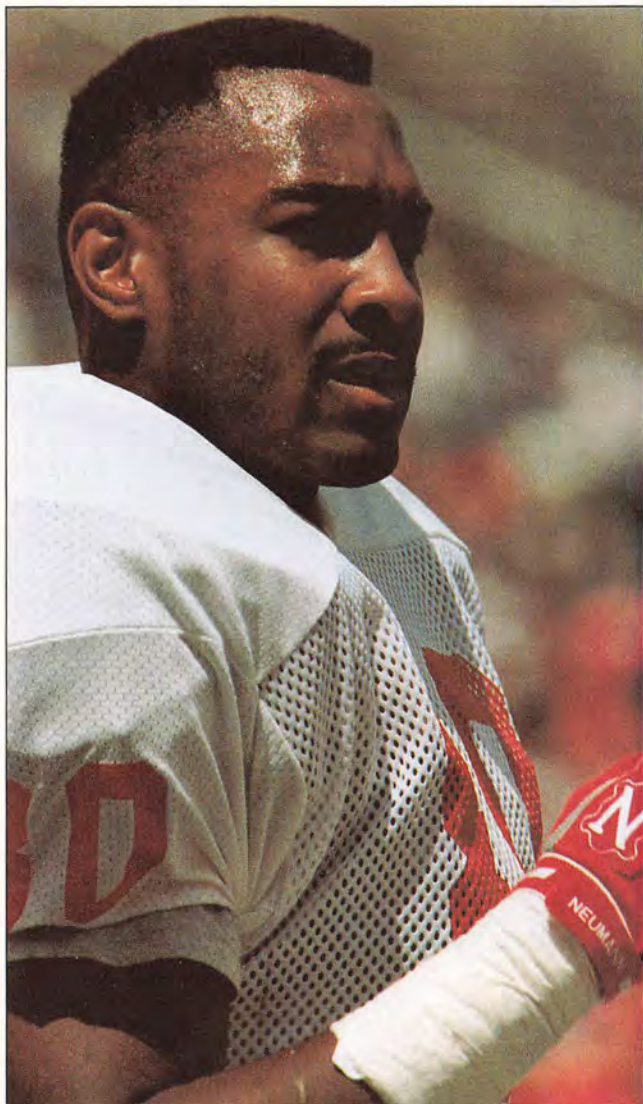
But Svehla suffered a broken leg in the annual spring game at the end of spring practices and may not be ready to play until the beginning of the Big Eight season, leaving a big gap at the backup spot.

That leaves the backup outside linebacker positions to unknowns Travis Hill, David White and Kylin Camp. Hill and White redshirted as freshmen last fall, but they will be counted on to provide as much as many seniors.

"Travis Hill has plenty of talent and David White does, too," Osborne said. "They are a little lost in making the adjustments to varsity after redshirting as freshmen last year, but they are going

**Safety Steve Carmer saw varsity action as a true frosh.**





to be among the top four outside linebackers before too long. I think with them we can be pretty good at the position. It'll take some time and plenty of work in the fall."

The defense will count on more red-shirts and "sleepers" than the offense this year.

Sophomore Pat Engelbert, who red-shirted last year, battled his way up to second-string noseguard behind returning starter Mike Murray. Because Engelbert has played so well, the noseguard position, once considered a question mark, may become one of the strengths of the defense again.

William Washington, who like Hill and White, redshirted as a freshman his first semester on campus, may have the most immediate impact of any newcomer. Washington, a 6-2, 245-pounder from Tyler, Texas, worked his way up to share the No. 1 position at tight end

**1988 recruit Travis Hill (left) could make an impact in 1989. Linebacker Mike Petko (right) may be too good to redshirt.**

with senior and returning starter Monte Kratzenstein.

"William Washington is doing very well and he has picked up the offense quickly," Osborne said.

Freshman inside linebacker Mike Petko, who starred for the freshman team last fall, has moved up to second-string behind senior and returning starter Randall Jobman. Petko (6-2, 225) would

probably be a candidate for a redshirt next fall but is too valuable, Osborne said. "He's played very well this spring and we'll be counting on him in the fall."

Another of the freshmen who red-shirted in 1988, Tyrone Byrd moved up to share first-team status with senior starter Marvin Sanders at free safety.

Byrd, of Chandler, Ariz., is joined in the defensive backfield by freshman Tyrone Legette, of Columbia, S.C. Legette, a return specialist, too, is second-team right cornerback.

"Byrd and Legette have plenty of speed and once they get the experience, they are going to be part of one of the best defensive secondaries we've ever had," said NU defensive backs coach George Darlington.

Senior Bruce Pickens, who was recruited the same time as Byrd and Legette, will start at the left corner.

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# Big Red Super Scouts



**N**ot all Nebraska underclassmen go unnoticed as they toil out of the varsity limelight. Each fall, some productive young Huskers are honored each week as they help the varsity by serving on the scout team. Nebraska coaches name a Scout Team Player of the Week for both offense and defense as these young Cornhuskers help simulate what offensive and defensive schemes the upcoming opponent will run.

It's a very important assignment, according to junior varsity head coach Shane Thorell, and it's one that requires as much concentration and full-speed effort as playing on the varsity. And several of the following honorees will in fact be playing varsity ball next fall.

Players are identified in the above photo by position and the game for which they won the award. Front row, left to right: offensive lineman Erik Kiehn (Oklahoma State), linebacker Scott

Kurtz (Oklahoma), Jim Dobesh (Colorado), running back George Achola (Texas A&M), wingback Kelly Prater (Arizona State), wingback Lamont White (UCLA), linebacker David White (Kansas), offensive lineman Brian Boerboom (Utah State), offensive lineman Rob Leuck (UNLV) and linebacker Travis Hill (Kansas, tied with D. White). Second row: kicker Todd Bennett (Kansas State), quarterback Tom Haase (Missouri), defensive tackle Kevin Miller (Arizona State), defensive tackle Brian Brown (Iowa State), offensive lineman Eric Wiegert (Iowa State), defensive lineman Pat Englebert (Kansas State), tight end Daryl Liese (Kansas), linebacker Kylin Camp (Missouri) and linebacker Joe D'Alesio (Utah State). Back row: safety Will Thomas (UCLA) and tight end William Washington (Colorado). Not pictured are Brian Miller, Kurt Skradis, Pete Buchanan and Keithen McCant.

Some of last year's scout team heroes have already moved quickly during spring practice to impact the varsity. For example, two defensive players and one on offense have already moved forward to claim the No. 2 spot at their respective varsity positions. Hill came out of spring practice listed as the No. 2 left outside linebacker, and Englebert goes into fall as the second-team noseguard. Washington is listed behind senior starter Monte Kratzenstein at tight end.

Only a few months from having served on the scout team, the following players have all battled through spring practice to claim a third-team spot on the varsity: Wiegert (left offensive tackle), Kiehn (left offensive guard), Leuck (right offensive guard), Boerboom (right offensive tackle) and David White (right outside linebacker). Thomas goes through summer as the No. 4 free safety.

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Pickens, who transferred from Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, is one of the reasons this year's defensive backfield will be the fastest in NU history.

"I think the new guys are coming

**Linebacker Mike Petko would probably be a redshirt candidate next fall, but is now too valuable.**

along and they have so much speed and ability we can become as good as we were last year," said junior Reggie Cooper, returning starter at strong safety. "The guys like Byrd and Legette are picking up the defense and you'll see a lot from them. Steve Carmer is another freshman we're going to be playing with



**Redshirt freshman William Washington is fighting for the No. 1 tight end job.**

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**Redshirt freshmen Travis Hill (left) and David White will help at outside linebacker.**

and he's got a lot of talent."

Although not redshirted recently, the names Bill Bobbora and John Roschal (who were redshirted two years ago) will be heard from in the offensive line.

Jim Wanek, who redshirted two years ago, will likely hold down one of the guard positions. Roschal took over the other guard spot when Bobbora was sidelined by a knee injury in spring practice. But the competition for the guard spots will remain heated all year.

Of the 1988 redshirts, there are many candidates for backup spots.

McCant had worked his way up to No. 3 behind his passing skills. I-back George Achola is in the heat of the battle for backup positions behind senior Ken Clark and redshirt sophomore Leo-dis Flowers.

But Achola, a redshirt sophomore from Creighton Prep in Omaha, will have to battle freshmen Andre McDuffy and Scott Baldwin.

McDuffy scored a record-tying three

touchdowns in the spring game and Baldwin was steady and consistent throughout the spring.

Split end Paul Baumert and tight end Daryl Leise both caught touchdown passes in the spring game and could be battling for No. 3 spots at their positions.

Some redshirts from 1988 will still have to sit awhile before they can be heard from soon.

Defensive tackle David Jensen, one of the top recruits in the country from

Creighton Prep two years ago, suffered a knee injury that will keep him out of the 1989 season, and quarterback Tom Haase suffered a broken arm that may set him back in the 1989 race.

Three Whites who redshirted in 1988 — defensive back Freeman White, defensive end David White and I-back Lamont White — are all in contention for backup spots.

Defensive back Will Thomas, younger brother of Broderick Thomas, is battling for a backup spot at free safety.

Assured of a chance at a starting position is punter Mike Stigge, a redshirt walkon in 1988. Stigge, of Kansas, apparently won the job left vacant by the graduation of three-year starter John Kroeker.

"Stigge has been the most consistent and the deepest punter all spring," Osborne said. A knee injury to Tom Janky leaves Scott Beckler and Shawn Lilledahl as the backups. But incoming freshman Byron Bennett could

challenge for the punting job immediately.

Wingback Brad Devall has worked his way into the thick of the backup battle at wingback and could challenge Richard Bell and Nate Turner before the end of the season.

Kelly Prater, redshirted last year, is the smallest wingback on the team at 5-8. But the walkon from Clearwater was the leading receiver in two of the four major scrimmages in the spring.

"I think we have a lot of good, solid young talent," Osborne said. "Byrd is in the running for a starting position with Marvin Sanders, a senior. Petko is a true sophomore who we're going to count on heavily. Devall had a very good spring. Curtis Cotton is No. 2 at strong safety and is tied with Freeman White. Baldwin and McDuffy have played very

## Assured of a chance at starting is punter Mike Stigge, a redshirted walkon in '88.

well for guys just moving up from the freshman team, and if Terry Rodgers takes awhile to get healthy, we're going to need those two guys.

"Another redshirt last year, fullback Tim Johnk, has been strong this spring and gives us a valuable backup at that position," Osborne said. "I think we're going to see a lot of new faces to fill in the spots left by graduation. We lost 12 starters and 10 of those guys were All-Big Eight, so we have a lot of work to do to get these new people ready. The good thing is they have talent and they have shown they are willing to work hard."

Some other "sleepers" for the 1989 season are little-known kicker Phil Mendoza, who will back up Chris Drennan and Gregg Barrios.

Dave Edeal may become a double backup at center, and guard Erik Wiegert may play at both tackle and guard next year.

"We need to build our depth in the offensive line," said Osborne. "We have

a number of people who can play more than one position, and that may work to our benefit in the long run."

The same goes for the defense where the "dime defense" requires linebacker-like defensive backs. A prime candidate is safety Cotton who walked on at Nebraska two years ago, then recently posted the best performances in the winter conditioning drills. He has shown he is ready to take a place behind Cooper at the strong safety spot and appears ready to play the dime.

"We have good players, but we can't be sure how good until we see them in a game situation," Osborne said. "That is the difference between being a good team and a very good team. Replacing all the experience takes time.

"I can't pinpoint any one area where we don't have some promising players. Petko and Pat Tyrance at inside linebacker will help our seniors Chris Caliendo, Randall Jobman, Mark Hagge and Brad Ferguson. The secondary has a lot of new people. The offensive line has some talented newcomers to build around Jake Young and Doug Glaser. And the backups at the skill positions all look good.

"We went through the toughest spring I can remember with a lot of hitting in the scrimmages and one-on-one drills just to see who could react well and who couldn't.

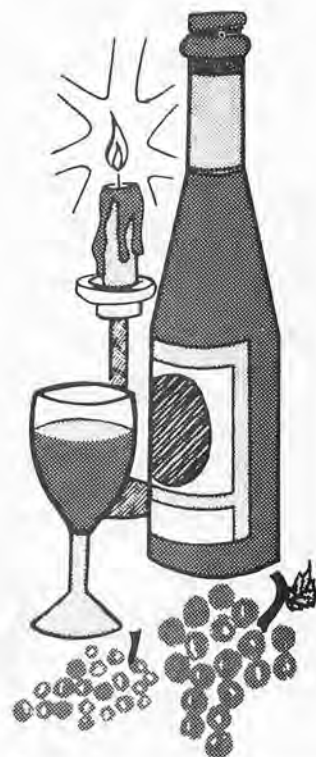
"And the difference is finding who is a cut above just good. That's what it takes to win 10 or 11 or 12 games in a season and that's what we need to find out."

So the newcomers may be ready to fill in the spots, but it will mean daily evaluation and constant observation before the coaching staff is completely comfortable.

For the fans it means closely watching the rosters and the depth charts. They may change as quickly as the stock market. If they don't, then the fans can rest assured that the experiments worked, the redshirt year was not wasted and Nebraska has reloaded and rebuilt at the same time.

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# Chasing Greatness

*Notre Dame heads the Top 20, but several teams border on greatness.*

**T**he 1989 national picture is one of transition and uncertainty, and most of it is at the very top.

While Coach Lou Holtz's Notre Dame is a heavy, heavy favorite to win the national championship again, a trio of respected coaches is riding the fence that separates really good football programs from the true heavyweight greats. Bobby Bowden of Florida State, Terry Donahue of UCLA and Danny Ford of Clemson have a problem, but it is a nice problem to have.

Florida State has posted two 11-1 seasons in a row, and the Associated Press ranked the Seminoles No. 2 two years ago and No. 3 last season. However, in the six seasons before that, FSU posted an admirable but not great 46-22-3 mark (67 percent). The FSU sports publicity office even began a push this past spring to emphasize exactly that — that Coach Bowden had made the mystical transformation from a "good" coach to a "great" coach. But can he reinforce that label in 1989? With only 10 returning starters plus the loss of NFL-type seniors, it's uncertain whether Florida State can continue those recent successes.

Donahue of UCLA has won 10 games in back-to-back seasons for the first time in his career, and he has won at least nine games seven times in his 13 seasons as the Bruin head coach. In contrast, UCLA had won at least nine games only six times prior to Donahue taking over. Over the past seven years, Donahue has definitely risen to the top of his profession. But has the UCLA program also made the climb with him? Or, is this sunshine school simply enjoying the fruits of the "great man" theory? If Donahue were to take his talent elsewhere, would the program slide back down? And in 1989, can UCLA

overcome the loss of No. 1 draft pick Troy Aikman and continue its recent 10-win tradition? That's not likely to be answered until next November.

In the South, Ford and Clemson are also coming off back-to-back 10-2 seasons, each ending with bowl victories and Top 10 rankings. Ford last fall surpassed LaVell Edwards of BYU as the No. 5 winningest active coach (by percentage) in college. But prior to Ford's arrival at Clemson, the Tigers were regional powers but not national heavyweights, even during a brief surge in the 1950s.

Clemson and Ford now face a definite crossroads, having lost 28 seniors from a talented 1988 team. If the youngish (42)

Ford can actually push the Tiger program into the big-time, then he'll have to do it with only eight re-

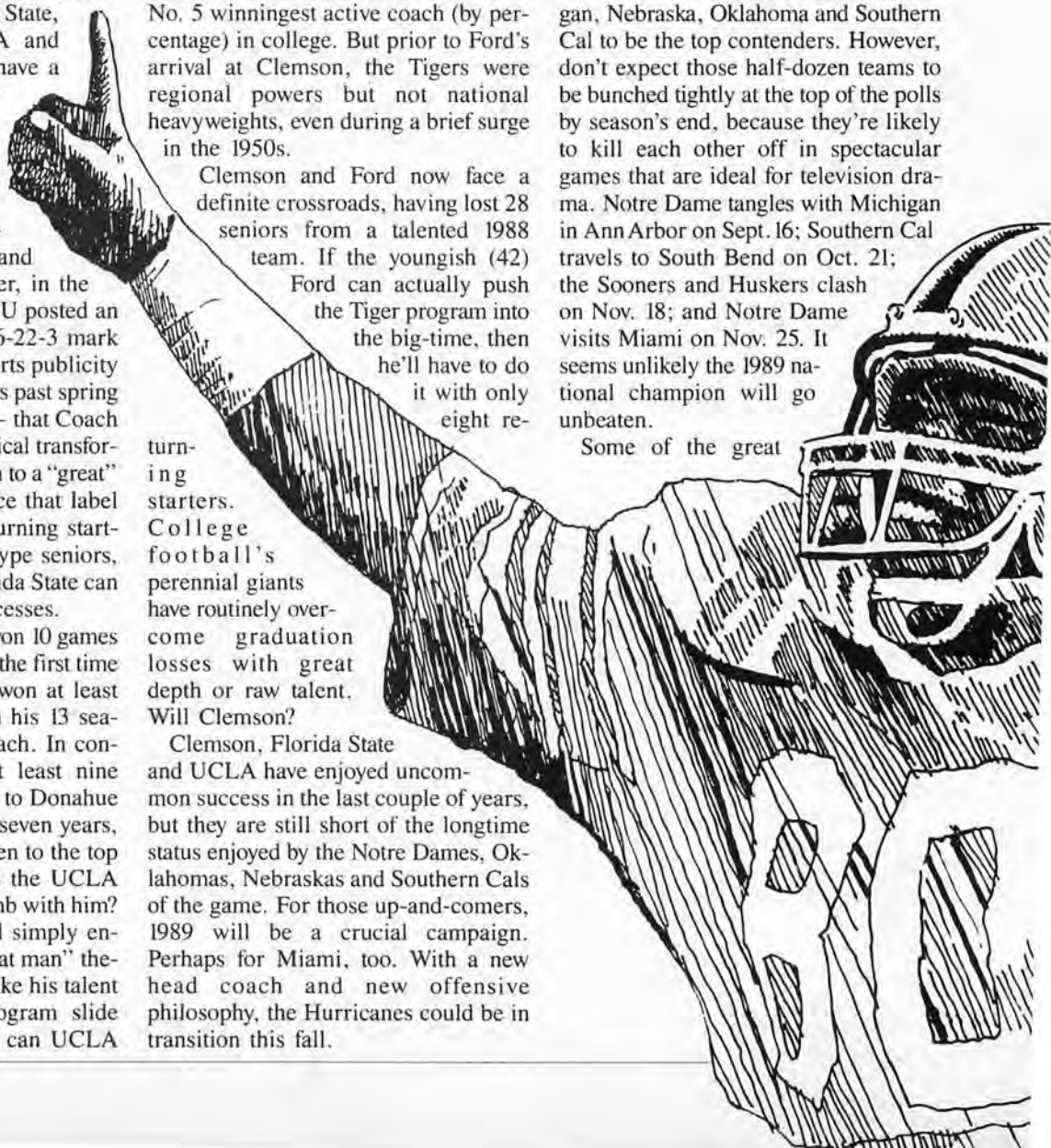
turning starters. College football's perennial giants have routinely overcome graduation losses with great depth or raw talent. Will Clemson?

Clemson, Florida State and UCLA have enjoyed uncommon success in the last couple of years, but they are still short of the longtime status enjoyed by the Notre Dames, Oklahomas, Nebraskas and Southern Cal's of the game. For those up-and-comers, 1989 will be a crucial campaign. Perhaps for Miami, too. With a new head coach and new offensive philosophy, the Hurricanes could be in transition this fall.

If any of those clubs successfully make their transitions, they could well be in the 1989 national championship hunt.

In preseason, there appears to be only a handful of teams with legitimate chances to take the last national crown of the '80s. Behind defending champ Notre Dame, look for Miami, Michigan, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Southern Cal to be the top contenders. However, don't expect those half-dozen teams to be bunched tightly at the top of the polls by season's end, because they're likely to kill each other off in spectacular games that are ideal for television drama. Notre Dame tangles with Michigan in Ann Arbor on Sept. 16; Southern Cal travels to South Bend on Oct. 21; the Sooners and Huskers clash on Nov. 18; and Notre Dame visits Miami on Nov. 25. It seems unlikely the 1989 national champion will go unbeaten.

Some of the great



programs in college football will not realistically be anywhere near the race for No. 1 because they will be trying to rebound from losing seasons in 1988. Coach Joe Paterno and Penn State struggled to 5-6, the Lions' first losing season since 1938, which prompted uncharacteristic grumbling among Nitany Lion fans. Ohio State under second-year coach John Cooper sputtered to 4-6-1, and once-proud Texas slipped to 4-7, its worst record since going 1-9 in 1956.

The tumble of '88 has sent shockwaves through those respective programs. Paterno, for example, says of his approach to 1989: "All of us have more of a sense of urgency. It's like we realize, 'Boy, we're not very good; we've got a long way to go; we've got some tough football teams to play next year.' I don't think there's any question we've got a lot more intensity out there."

All three programs recruited well this past spring, so it's a good bet they'll be back on track soon, but not soon enough to make this year's preseason Top 20.

The following Top 20 takes into account athletic talent, coaching, depth, schedule and the mystical barometer of momentum. Several teams from last year's final Associated Press poll do not appear: Indiana (No. 20), Alabama (No. 17), Washington State (No. 16), Georgia (No. 15) and Oklahoma State (No. 11). They're replaced by newcomers Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, North Carolina State and South Carolina. Each capsule includes the 1988 record and final AP ranking.

## 1. NOTRE DAME

Even with the future of two stars, linebacker Mike Stonebreaker and tailback Tony Brooks, in jeopardy, Notre Dame (12-0, No. 1) still looms as the returning giant among national championship hopefuls.

The Irish will field at least 16 returning starters, 17 if their All-American backer recovers from knee surgery. If



**Coach Lou Holtz**

he doesn't, Notre Dame should still get the nod as best defense in America until proven otherwise.

Coach Lou Holtz's defense starts with a great line: junior noseguard Chris Zorich plus tackles George Williams and Jeff Alm. It's an active trio, making a lot of tackles and lost-yardage plays. But the linebacking corps is also solid, and some say Notre Dame's secondary (especially at cornerback with Stan Smagala and Todd Lyght) belongs on a pedestal. ND ranked No. 10 nationally in scoring defense last year and should improve this fall.

Offensively, senior quarterback Tony Rice is Notre Dame's second legitimate Heisman hopeful in three years (flanker Tim Brown romped in '87). He'll be joined by eight other returning starters.

Holtz last year orchestrated a blend of running (258 yards per game) and passing (130) that produced over 30 points per game. Although not a starter, Brooks was Notre Dame's most productive tailback (667 yards), but he'll probably not return in '89 because of an off-season brush with the law. Senior starter Mark Green (646 yards) is gone, leaving converted flanker Ricky Watters as the tailback of choice. Still, talent and depth there is solid. Some say senior Anthony Johnson may be the best fullback in the country. With a solid line and outstanding receivers, the resourceful and error-free Irish offense should be tough. Yes, the schedule is tough, but the Irish are equipped to repeat.

## 2. SOUTHERN CAL

Even without Rodney Peete, Coach Larry Smith may lead Southern Cal (10-2, No. 7) to the national title wonderland that John McKay and John Robinson frequented in the '60s and '70s. USC should prosper in Peete's absence because of defense, perhaps the nation's best.

Troy returns 10 defensive starters; five were All-Pacific 10 last year. Two of those — senior tackle Tim Ryan and junior safety Mark Carrier — were All-Americans. There are no weaknesses. Ryan, senior tackle Dan Owens and junior noseguard Don Gibson are three-year starters. Coaches feared the trio might drift this spring, but instead they dominated. In 1988, Owens was All-Pacific 10, and Gibson made sophomore All-America in *The Sporting News*.

Linebackers abound: all four spots are at least two-deep with quality players. Junior inside backer Scott Ross is the only celebrity, but depth is breathtaking.

Paced by Carrier and safety Cleveland Colter (also a Thorpe hopeful), USC's secondary shines, tarnished only by green subs.

Offensively, eight starters return. Steady junior quarterback Pat O'Hara replaces Peete. O'Hara knows the system and had a fine spring. He won't win many games but won't lose many either. Tailback talent is deep, paced by Scott Lockwood and Aaron Emmanuel. Three line starters return, joined by huge and gifted replacements. Look for USC's return to basic, power football.

Senior flanker John Jackson is close to USC's career receptions record, and senior tight end Scott Galbraith was all-league in '88.

Kicker Quin Rodriguez is a short-range marksman, while punter Ron Dale should sparkle despite his inexperience. USC's schedule is not as tough as last year's, but it's still not easy. Defense, however, will be the key, and Smith's is of championship caliber.



**Free safety Cleveland Colter**

## 3. NEBRASKA

Here we go again: the Cornhuskers (11-2, No. 10) lose a cement truck full of all-star players then show up the next season and pour a solid foundation for another Top 10 team. Exactly how good the Cornhuskers will be depends on how quickly some young players come along and how the offensive line develops depth. If Coach Tom Osborne succeeds at both, Nebraska will have a lock on the Orange Bowl and a high perch in the final polls.

Talent, however, is a big part but not the only part of the Cornhuskers' probable success (they return 10 starters and 50 lettermen). The schedule will also contribute mightily. Seven games in '89 will be played in Lincoln. And for the first time since 1976, Nebraska does not have a Top 20-type team on its non-conference schedule.

However, Nebraska does not have three-year starting quarterback Steve Taylor on its roster after he used up his eligibility and signed a Canadian Football League contract. With a solid quarterback at the helm, the Huskers should be tough and unbeaten when they entertain Oklahoma in the season finale in Lincoln. But to get there, NU must first



**Running back Ken Clark**

get past the improving Big Eight, most notably Colorado and Oklahoma State, both on the road.

Osborne's teams have won more games in the 1980s than any other college team, piling up 93 victories and averaging over 10 wins a season. Ten wins are almost assured in 1989, but posting the 11th and 12th victories will determine how good the Huskers really are.

It's the 100th anniversary of Nebraska football, and there could be cause for celebration in Lincoln if a quarterback takes charge and some Husker youngsters fill gaps left by talented veterans.

## 4. MIAMI

Off-season changes in the coaching staff and at quarterback keep the Hurricanes (11-1 and No. 2) from being a solid national title contender. With eight new coaches (including head man Dennis Erickson, plus the offensive and defensive coordinators), a new offense and no Steve Walsh at quarterback, Miami barely holds this spot.

With Walsh gone pro, Coach Erickson inherits six returning starters on offense. Walsh's replacement will be junior Craig Erickson. In 1987 he was rated the No. 5 prep quarterback in America by Max Emfinger, and his collegiate skills are considered solid though untested. Led by senior guard Mike Sullivan, the offensive line returns three starters, plus junior tight end Rob Chudzinski. Both Sullivan and Chudzinski have All-America potential. Speedy junior split end Randal Hill (4.3) and junior halfback Leonard Conley should be excellent targets for the inexperienced Erickson.

Talent, however, is not the problem. While Coach Erickson has vowed to leave Miami's devastating 4-3 defense alone, he's already tinkered with the offense (a factor in Walsh's decision to go). Coach Erickson's preference is to throw short, and he brought his offensive coordinator from Washington State to teach that scheme.

Defensively, the 'Canes return six starters, including several stars: linebackers Maurice Crum (jr.) and Bernard Clark (sr.), plus tackle Russell Maryland (jr.) and end Greg Mark (sr.). Team speed and athletic ability is still outstanding. If the Canes win big, credit the defense.

Also, in Coach Erickson's favor is the schedule: only Florida State (on the road) and Notre Dame (at home) appear troublesome.



## 5. OKLAHOMA

Despite being dangerously thin in depth, the Sooners (9-3, No. 14) have enough front-line talent to challenge for a very high ranking and make the country forget about their off-season troubles.

Coach Barry Switzer's Sooners return 15 starters, spread smoothly between offense and defense, and that alone indicates OU again will be very tough on the field. But there's also the matter of reverse-impact when it comes to the



**Defensive tackle Scott Evans**

negative news of last winter. The Sooners to a man insist they are eager to blast that memory into oblivion and re-assert themselves as a national power.

The defense could have a big part in doing that. It's been six years since the Sooners fielded a defense that was the least bit short of outstanding, and the 1989 version will continue the tradition.

However, offense is the concern as OU switches from the Wishbone to the I-formation and tries to find a quarterback. If the formation transition is smooth and a signal-caller blossoms into greatness, OU could go unbeaten. If not, Coach Switzer will likely face several streetfights on his reasonably tough schedule.

The slate includes 6-5 Baylor, arch-rivals Texas and Oklahoma State, plus preseason Top 20 Arizona, Colorado and Nebraska. The Longhorns were only 4-7 last year, but they've recruited well enough to hint at a return to power. It may not look like an overwhelming schedule now, but it could be if some of those borderline teams catch fire.

Overall, OU's race for the top could be a fast track if the Sooners stay healthy and their star redshirts and Prop 48s contribute, but OU could face some tight squeezes if injuries mushroom.

## 6. MICHIGAN

Opening against Notre Dame at home and UCLA on the road may keep Michigan (9-2-1, No. 4) from a national title in '89, but the Wolverines will still be brutal.

If defense wins championships, then Michigan will be the top contender for the Big Ten title, and perhaps loftier



**Running back Tony Boles**

crowns. Coach Bo Schembechler returns nine starters on defense but must replace All-American noseguard Mark Messner.

However, inside linebackers J.J. Grant (sr.) and Erick Anderson (so.) led MU in tackles last fall. Plus, the secondary is solid, having given up only six TD passes in 1988. With Messner (who made a stunning 26 tackles behind the line), Michigan gave up only 292 yards and 14 points a game. Without him, they'll still be tough.

Offensively, Michigan returns eight full-time starters plus a pair of part-timers. Two of them like to call signals. "It's a nice problem to have," Schembechler says of seniors Michael Taylor and Demetrius Brown, who together hit 60 percent of their passes for 1,732 yards and 11 TDs. Taylor started nine games, got hurt, and deferred to Brown, who led MU's 22-14 Rose Bowl win over USC. Whoever starts will be talented.

Also back is All-Big Ten tailback Tony Boles, who gained 1,408 yards last year. Boles, a junior, is All-America stock. Add three offensive line studs, two bruising fullbacks plus a wide-out and tight end with all-league talent, and the offense looks to improve on last year's clip of 405 yards and 34 points a game.

One drawback: MU must break in a new kicker and punter.

The Wolverines lost their first two games last fall — by two at Notre Dame and one against Miami after leading late by 14 points. They haven't lost since.

## 7. SOUTH CAROLINA

Coach Sparky Woods replaces the late Joe Morrison and leads a fine Gamecock team (8-4, unranked) that has Top 10 potential.

South Carolina has perhaps the most dangerous, proven skill players in America. Nine offensive starters return, including senior quarterback Todd Ellis, a potential All-American and bona fide enigma. He threw for 3,020 yards and 20 TDs as a freshman, prompting all-star exceptions. Instead, his completion percentage and touchdowns-thrown have dropped each of the last two years. Of his 25 school and NCAA records, surely one is for most career interceptions: he's at 67 and counting. Second-team All-America as a freshman, Ellis seems to have faded.

Under Woods, this talented quarterback should rally.

Ellis is joined by tailback Harold Green, dangerous as a runner and receiver. Robert Brooks last fall was named the top freshman receiver in America by *The Sporting News* after he caught 34 and averaged 15 yards per reception, 22 yards per kickoff return and 9 yards on punt returns. Skill talent abounds, and only two offensive line starters must be replaced.

Junior kicker Collin Mackey (44 of 57 career field goals) may be the nation's best.

The Gamecock defense returns six starters, spread evenly among linemen, stand-up players and backs. Except for nightmares against Florida State and Georgia Tech, defense was stout in '88.

Unbeaten and ranked No. 7 at mid-season last year, SC's offense withered. Don't expect a repeat.

The schedule features rebuilding giants: West Virginia, Georgia, Florida State, Clemson. If they don't have the right tools, watch out. SC does.



**Running back Harold Green**

## 8. FLORIDA STATE

Coach Bobby Bowden's Seminoles (11-1, No. 3) are at the crossroads of taking this program from being consistently good to being consistently great. Florida State has been 11-1 for two seasons in a row (both ending with New Year's Day bowls), but the previous six years featured so-so winning records and minor-bowl bids.

FSU's talent pool hints of greatness in '89.

Despite losing All-American lineman Pat Tomberlin and two other offensive line starters plus tailback Sammie Smith and its quarterback, the Seminole offense should score mightily. FSU has four of the best wide receivers in America, led by senior Ronald Lewis. They are all tall and fast.

The quarterback replacement should be senior Peter Tom Willis, who started only one game last year (vs. South



Carolina), but it was a dilly: he hit 17 of 20 passes for 271 yards and four TDs. Florida State returns only five offensive starters from last fall, but the replacements seem to be talented.

On defense, five starters come back, paced by All-America candidate Odell Haggins at noseguard. With tackle Eric Hayes also returning, the line looks solid, as does linebacker (where all four positions boast varsity experience). Trouble, however, abounds in the secondary. FSU lost superstar corner Deion Sanders and two other starters.

The young offensive line and secondary better learn fast, because the Seminoles meet Clemson (home) and LSU (at Baton Rouge) in September. All told, six Top 20 teams (including Miami, Syracuse, Auburn and South Carolina) are on the FSU slate. Bowden's team should be stout in '89, but will it be stout enough for that third 11-win season in a row? Against the nation's toughest schedule, no.

## 9. AUBURN

Hold your breath: for the first time in years, the Auburn Tigers (10-2, No. 8) appear stronger on offense than on defense, where they've been very strong recently.

Coach Pat Dye's team would be ranked higher if it hadn't lost eight defensive starters from a unit that led the nation in rushing, scoring and total defense. Those coming back include junior tackle David Rocker (Outland/Lombardi winner Tracy Rocker's little brother), plus senior linebackers Quentin Riggins and Craig Ogletree.

"At one time last year before David got hurt he was the best lineman we had," said Dye. "And all three of our linemen made All-SEC." Does that mean little David is better than big Tracy? Could be. But he'd better be a whole lot better if the Tigers are to continue their great defensive tradition. They'll be good. But great is another matter.

Offense is where Coach Dye appears to have the best tools for repeating as SEC champ. Six starters return, led by senior quarterback Reggie Slack, who was All-SEC and led the league in passing. He is joined by junior tailback Stacy Danley, who rushed for 877 yards and was named SEC Sophomore of the Year. They're joined by Robo-fullback James Joseph, who has endured a cracked kneecap and broken ribs over the past two years to become a dynamite blocker, runner and receiver. Dye calls



**Offensive tackle Jim Thompson**

him the toughest guy in the league.

Three offensive linemen return, featuring true sophomore guard Ed King, who made freshman All-America last year. Dye says he's the best young line prospect he's ever seen.

The SEC will always be tough, and Auburn has an Oct. 21 date with Florida State. Still, the Tiger senior class of '89 is 29-5-2 and has played in three major bowls in a row. Make it four.

## 10. ARKANSAS

There's not a team on its schedule that Arkansas (10-2, No. 12) can't realistically beat, which doesn't necessarily mean that Coach Ken Hatfield's team is awesome. Except for Houston (Oct. 28 in Fayetteville), the slate is not fearsome.

But with nine returning starters on



**Quarterback Quinn Grovey**

offense and a new I-formation to exploit its tailback depth, Arkansas should again win the Southwest Conference. Junior quarterback Quinn Grovey, senior tight end Billy Winston and senior offensive tackle Jim Mabry return after all-league efforts in 1988. Grovey, especially, could be a marvel.

So should the tailbacks. Look for Barry Foster, James Rouse or JuJu Harshaw to be outstanding. Arkansas graduated both guards, but line depth is solid.

Defense is another matter because Hatfield lost eight senior starters, five going in the pro draft. Still, senior tackle Michael Shepherd was All-SWC in 1988 and returns along with senior safety Pat Williams and senior cornerback Tony Cooney. Plus, linemen Tony Ollison and MacKenzie Phillips are expected to shine.

Despite losing all four starting linebackers, depth here was solid last fall, and a major dropoff is not feared. The secondary features Williams and Cooney, but depth is a concern here. Without a doubt, though, Arkansas has recruited well of late and has 45 returning lettermen available plus a deluxe class of prepsters come August.

Look for a stark reversal from '88 when the Hog defense held high-scoring Texas Tech, Houston, Miami and UCLA to only 66 points while Hatfield's offense sputtered. Arkansas will be the land of scoring opportunities, on both sides of the ball.

## 11. HOUSTON

Yes, the Cougars (9-3, No. 19) are on probation, but no, they will not suffer on the field for it, and that's in spite of two spectacular graduation losses.

Offensively, third-year coach Jack Pardee returns six starters but must replace Jason Phillips and James Dixon, who last fall combined for 210 receptions. No problem. You see, junior quarterback Andre Ware returns after getting second-team All-America honors and additional experience with Pardee's intricate Run and Shoot.

Also back is junior halfback Chuck Weatherspoon, who ran for 1,004 yards and made All-SWC last fall. He'll be joined by returning wide-outs Brian Williams (jr.) and Kevin Mason (sr.) to give UH some of the Southwest Conference's top skill players. However, three starters in the line must be replaced.

On defense, seven starters return, including senior linebacker Lamar Lathon, who made 103 stops last fall and is All-America material. Lathon will anchor an outstanding linebacking corps



**Quarterback Andre Ware**

as all three starters there return. Strong safety Alton Montgomery was All-SWC last year, and he'll be joined by starter Mecridric Calloway.

Senior tackle Alfred Oglesby made 105 tackles last year and will lead a respectable defensive line.

Sophomore kicker Roman Anderson returns after making second-team All-America in '88, when he hit 19 of 25 field goals and all 51 of his PATs.

While the Southwest Conference may be improving, it's still likely that Houston and Arkansas will dominate. The schedule is just not that tough (except for a non-conference tilt with Arizona State), and another 9-2 regular season is quite possible.

## 12. UCLA

Coach Terry Donahue's Bruins (10-2, No. 6) are the third of last year's Top 10 teams to have its All-American passer drafted and still look on paper to be as tough, if not tougher, this fall. UCLA lost Troy Aikman, but Donahue returns eight offensive starters and five on defense. Three or four Bruins could win All-America honors in 1989.

On offense, quarterback talent abounds but experience is zilch. The starter may not emerge until August. However, UCLA returns four of its five starting offensive linemen, including All-America/Lombardi/Outland candidate Frank Cornish at center. Despite losing starting tailback Eric Ball, the Bruins are talented here, fullback, too.

Seniors Charles Arbuckle (tight end) and Mike Farr (split end) lead the receiving corps, and Arbuckle may be the nation's best.

Senior kicker Alfredo Velasco has hit 93 of 94 career PATs and 37 of 43 field goals (86 percent). He has *never* missed inside 40 yards on 27 attempts.

On defense, senior tackle Mike Lodish is a three-year starter and should be in line for national honors. Junior Bryan Wilcox returns at the other tackle spot, but then experience drops. In the 3-4 front, only one starting linebacker returns (steady senior Craig Davis). Sophomore Stacy Argo has star ability. Still, linebacker is a worry.

In the secondary, junior Eric Turner and sophomore Matt Darby are all-star safeties, which should help the young corners.

Overrated in the early '80s, UCLA has posted consecutive 10-2 years and recruited very well. The 1989 version's fate may be known as early as Sept. 23, when Michigan returns to the Rose Bowl.



Coach Terry Donahue

## 13. ILLINOIS

Like Michigan, the Illini (6-5-1, unranked) open with consecutive street-fights: USC in Russia and Colorado in Boulder. Coach John Mackovic's team might just have enough talent to win one, maybe both.

The happiness starts with 18 returning starters, two of whom may be the



Linebacker  
Darrick  
Brownlow

best at their respective positions in America: juniors Jeff George at quarterback and Darrick Brownlow at linebacker.

George leads an offense that was steady at best last fall, but he hit 58 percent of his 379 passes for 2,257 yards and only eight interceptions. Six of last

fall's top seven receivers come back, including three players with over 30 catches.

Three offensive line starters also return. However, the sobering thought is replacing All-Big Ten tailback Keith Jones, who rushed for 1,142 yards and caught 46 passes. Atlanta drafted Jones in the third round of the NFL draft. That's a chasm to fill, but Howard Griffin was a solid backup in '88, rushing for 615 yards.

Still, defense will be Illinois' strength. Ten starters return, led by Butkus candidate Brownlow. Quick and rangy, he was a Butkus semifinalist as an all-league sophomore when he made 155 tackles. Joining him in the all-star spotlight will be junior noseguard Mo Gardner, a two-year starter who actually had better stats as a freshman in '87. Having won All-Big Ten in 1988 as a sophomore, Gardner may have a shot at All-America and Lombardi/Outland honors.

Joining those two will be every defensive starter from 1988 except one.

The returning punter is lousy, but kicker Doug Higgins hit 10 of 14 field goals and all his extra points.

Illinois gets Ohio State, Michigan and Indiana at home. An Illini-Trojan rematch in the Rose Bowl is not too far-fetched.

## 14. SYRACUSE

The Orangemen (10-2, No. 13) return one of the nation's best defensive linemen in senior Rob Burnett, who was third-team All-America by AP last fall. However, Coach Dick MacPherson has more than just one hoss.

Syracuse returns six offensive starters from last year's team that was not expected to repeat the 11-0-1 miracle of 1987. It was close though. They didn't play a decent foe until game No. 9, losing 31-9 to West Virginia, but went on to best Pitt, then LSU in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

MacPherson has his entire offensive line back. Junior John Flannery is one of the top centers around, having started as a freshman and sophomore. Junior wide receiver Rob Moore may be Syracuse's best in 100 years. He caught 44 passes for 797 yards and 11 TDs last year: that's All-America production.

And then there were none — additional offensive starters, that is. Quarterback goes to last year's backup Bill Scharr, who was excellent off the bench and has a good arm. Tailback goes to senior



Coach Dick MacPherson

Michael Owens, who has gained almost 2,000 all-purpose yards in two years. He was a prep All-American.

On defense, Burnett leads a solid corps, including five full- or part-time starters in the line. Three of the four starting backers return, chief of whom is senior Terry Wooden, a three-year starter and possible Butkus candidate.

The secondary, however, was decimated. The nation's best last fall, this unit lost five fifth-year seniors. Both kickers are gone, too. Syracuse recruiting, though, has been great for two years.

SU faces a four-week boobytrap of Louisville (8-3), Pitt (7-4), Florida State (11-1) and Penn State (5-6) in mid-September. The Orangemen will take three.

## 15. COLORADO

Shaken by negative off-season publicity, and its quarterback tragically stricken with cancer, Colorado (8-4, unranked) is an understandably somber place. Sal Aunese was slated to call signals again for Coach Bill McCartney, but his time must now go to cancer treatment. Media attention to criminal acts by Buff players seems to pale in significance.

Still, Colorado's on-the-field fortunes look as bright as they have since the mid-1970s under former coach Bill Mallory. With 17 starters returning from the team that barely lost to BYU in the Freedom Bowl, McCartney may have one of the more talented teams in the country. And that's not by accident since the Buffs have recruited well the last few years, and this past spring's haul would seem to hint that Colorado may be talented now and another few years into the future.

However, one of the toughest schedules around may keep the Buffaloes in



**Coach Bill McCartney**

the 6-7-8 range when it comes to victories, which would only be status quo for the past four years. All within September, CU opens with Texas, hosts talented Illinois, then travels to Washington. In past years, school officials might have been comfortable with escaping 1-2 against that kind of slate. Now though, expectations are higher. Last year's offense was solid, and the defense was outstanding in light of its inexperience. The Buffs have played Nebraska and Oklahoma tough for four years, seemingly tougher with each passing season.

McCartney's team, oddly, only beat two foes with winning records last year, and 10-2 Fresno State was simply out of its league. CU will challenge for the Orange Bowl and Top 10 if they go 4-0 in non-conference play. They'll go 3-1.

## 16. WEST VIRGINIA



**Linebacker Chris Haering**

If the Mountaineers (11-1, No. 5) are to field another Top 10 team, their defense must shoulder the burden. Although Coach Don Nehlen returns two of the most exciting skill players in America (seniors Major Harris at quarterback and Reggie Rembert at flanker), he also loses his other nine offensive starters from last year.

But the defense could do it. Seven starters return here, paced by senior linebackers Chris Haering and Theron Ellis. Haering was third-team All-America by AP last year, and Ellis is also an all-star candidate. West Virginia may just have two of the best backers on the East Coast.

A pair of solid starters return in the defensive line, and safety Darrell Whitmore made honorable-mention All-America last year as a redshirt freshman. Generally, the defense should be outstanding.

Now what about that offense? After scoring almost 43 points a game last fall, WV must start with two proven superstars and little else. Harris, of course, is one of the nation's premier run-pass quarterbacks and should fight for the Heisman. And Rembert is a phenom. At 6-6, 200, West Virginia's fastest player looks like a Hart Lee Dykes clone. Rembert caught 23 passes for 516 yards and a team-high seven TDs during the Mountaineers' unbeaten regular season of 1988. Unless replacements throughout the offense can be found, however, Rembert will suffocate in double-coverage.

West Virginia last year had a great punter and kicker; both graduated.

Throw in a schedule that includes South Carolina, Pitt, Penn State plus Syracuse, and going 11-1 would be a very Major accomplishment.

## 17. LOUISIANA STATE

Coach Mike Archer will again field an offensive juggernaut at LSU (8-4, No. 19) as nine starters return from the unit that ripped Texas A&M 27-0 in the opener last year and held its own against a schedule that *USA Today* rated the toughest slate in '88.

Senior quarterback Tommy Hodson returns to start his fourth season with the Tigers, and he's three-time All-SEC and could be All-America this fall. Archer loses only his left tackle and center. Hodson will be joined by All-SEC tailback Eddie Fuller, who rushed for 647 yards and caught the game-winning TD pass against Auburn.

Look for all-league wide receiver Tony Moss to shine (he caught 55 passes for 957 yards last year). He was a terror against archrival Alabama, catching six passes for 133 yards in a 19-18 Tiger win.

Senior kicker David Browndyke (47 of 61 career field goals) is outstanding and provided the winning margin against both Auburn and Alabama last fall.

Also, star tailback Harvey Williams returns in '89 after sitting out all of last year with a bum knee. Before the injury, he was considered All-America material. He had a good spring.

Defensively, Coach Archer returns only four starters, including both defensive ends, plus one linebacker and a cornerback. While the offense should be ultra explosive, the defense will be ultra young and inexperienced.

The Tigers will be tested quickly — Texas A&M then Florida State to start the season. Expect a split there and a decent chance at the SEC title. Why? Because that entire league (having sent 46 players in the spring pro draft) has been ravaged by graduations on defense.



## 18. ARIZONA

Coming off a third-place finish in the Pacific 10, Arizona (7-4, unranked) returns 15 starters and appears headed for another high finish in this tough league.

Coach Dick Tomey's team returns eight defensive starters, six of whom were sophomores in 1988. After getting waxed by Southern Cal, the Arizona



defense grew up quickly and significantly slowed down UCLA, California, Washington State and Washington as the Wildcats finished with momentum.

Defensive leaders are linebacking twins Chris and Kevin Singleton, who are joined by two other stand-up starters from '88. The secondary features three starters. Linemen, however are a concern. Two graduated, one being Pacific 10 Defensive Player of the Year Dana Wells. Still, "at the end of the year we were a good defensive team, and we'll be even better this year," says Tomey.

Offensively, Arizona is still run-oriented in the pass-happy Pacific 10, having led the league at 247 yards a game in 1988. Junior Ron Veal may be the most experienced and productive returning quarterback in the league. He's 7-2-2 as a starter, but still remains a questionable passer.

With seven offensive starters returning, the Wildcats should be solid, though probably not spectacular. Arizona has scored in 191 consecutive games, the second-longest scoring streak in NCAA history. Junior Gary Coston is another in this year's collegiate starscape of kickers, although he didn't play in '88 because of an injury. He's back and healthy.

Young but talented, Arizona will have one of the nation's better teams, but don't expect a great won-lost record because of a tough slate: Oklahoma, Washington, UCLA, Southern Cal and Arizona State.

## 19. N. CAROLINA ST.

Enthusiasm abounds that Coach Dick Sheridan has N.C. State (8-3-1, unranked) on the verge of challenging Clemson as a consistent title contender in the ACC. At least in 1989, it's more than just a possibility — it's a probability.

The Wolfpack strength lies in its defense, which returns seven starters from the unit that was No. 8 nationally in total defense and No. 6 in scoring — ahead of Clemson. Senior left tackle Ray Agnew is the headliner, making All-ACC in '88 and leading NCS linemen with 70 tackles. Also returning are three of four starting linebackers and three of four starting defensive backs, led by ACC Rookie of the Year Jesse Campbell at strong safety. If not this year, he'll soon be an All-American.

Sheridan has a successful redshirt program at N.C. State, so replacements are expected to be solid.

The offense should be, if anything, more consistent. Only six starters return, but the key is that Sheridan now enters his fourth year with his system in place. Junior quarterback Shane Montgomery returns after an error-free, 60-percent passing effort last fall. He'll be joined by four of five line starters from last year, but the problem will be replacing both wide outs, the tight end and fullback.

Despite averaging over 200 yards passing, the NCS offense was inconsistent last year. The bet is that N.C. State will find youngsters who can be just as productive as last year's skill players. Plus, the kicking game returns, led by All-ACC kick-scorer Damon Hartman.



**Defensive tackle Ray Agnew**

Overall, Sheridan is an outstanding coach, and the '89 slate is soft except for back-to-back tilts with Clemson and South Carolina. Don't be surprised if the Pack goes 9-2...and beats Clemson.

## 20. CLEMSON

Coach Danny Ford's team (10-2, No. 9) clings to the final spot by the narrowest of margins. The reason the Tigers almost don't make the preseason Top 20 is because they've lost 14 senior starters, but the reason they stay among college football's elite is because there's still some talent in Death Valley. Almost all of it is on defense.

Ford returns six defensive starters plus a host of talented backups. In Clemson's 3-4 scheme, three linebackers return with starting experience along with four others who served as alternates or backups in 1988. The Tigers didn't lose a single senior from the linebacking corps, definitely the strongest area on the 1989 squad.

Clemson lost a ton of experienced starters and backups in the line and secondary, but there's enough talent to keep Ford in the hunt for his fourth ACC title in a row. Sophomore Dexter Davis



**Coach Danny Ford**

and senior James Lott return at corner and free safety, respectively, and sophomore strong safety Tyron Mouzon may be the team's most talented athlete. With a little patchwork in the line, Clemson should field its traditionally strong defensive unit.

On offense, only two starters return: junior tailback Terry Allen and junior right guard Eric Harmon. That's it. Allen has All-America potential, but it seems unlikely he'll get much offensive help considering that graduation wiped out the line...and the receivers...and quarterback. Umph!

Still, the Tigers can probably be beaten by only three teams on their slate: Florida State in Tallahassee (Sept. 9), North Carolina State (Oct. 21) and South Carolina in Columbia (Nov. 18). All three will do just that. ■

## ALL-AMERICAN QUARTERBACKS

**H**e is the leader of the offense and, sometimes, the leader of the entire team. He is loved by his fans when he does well and booed off the field when he has a bad night. He is the quarterback, and the truly great quarterbacks appear to be a rare breed in the 1989 season.

Two signal-callers destined for stardom this season were Washington State's Timm Rosenbach and Miami's Steve Walsh, but they opted to forgo their final year of eligibility and turn professional. When this occurred, the question "Who is left?" became one asked many times. We hope we can answer that question in the next two pages.

West Virginia could have been last year's Cinderella story. No one expected anything great from the Mountaineers, yet they were playing for the national championship on January 2. The biggest reason for this was quarterback **MAJOR HARRIS**. He could very easily be the most complete quarterback in our All-American checklist. Harris gained 610 yards rushing last year while throwing for 1,915 yards and 14 touchdowns, including a 68-yard bomb against Cincinnati.

Harris is already being touted as a preseason favorite for this year's Heisman Trophy (he finished fourth in the balloting last year). He was named second-team All-America by many services, which was quite an accomplishment considering most polls listed seniors Troy Aikman and Rodney Peete as their top quarterbacks.

People say everything grows big in Texas and **ANDRE WARE** has the stats to back that up.

Leading the Run and Shoot offense for Jack Pardee's Houston Cougars, Ware amassed a whopping 2,507 yards passing. This is even more amazing when you consider that Houston interchanged quarterbacks depending on the situation (the other Cougar signal-caller, David Dacus, threw for 1,597 yards last season). Ware set SWC records for single-game completions (39), single-game passing yardage (471), and single-season touchdown passes (25) while helping the Cougars break 11 SWC



**Cowboy senior Mike Gundy may be the Midwest's best QB.**

records. We'll agree with Pardee when he says, "Andre Ware definitely deserves some national recognition."

The Big Eight's own **MIKE GUNDY** joins the rank of elite quarterbacks for next year. Gundy finished second in the nation last year in passing efficiency behind Rosenbach and was named honorable-mention All-America by United Press International. Gundy finished 1988 with 2,163 yards on 153 completions and 19 touchdown strikes.

Gundy led a Cowboy offense that ranked first in the country in points per game. Gundy and his teammates were held under 30 points only once (a 31-28 loss to Oklahoma).

Gundy already owns nine Oklahoma State passing records and needs only 800 yards to move past Frank Seurer to become the Big Eight's career leading passer. He threw for 200 yards in a game six times during the regular season (including 247 yards and two touchdowns against Nebraska). The senior from Midwest City, Okla., is the best returning quarterback in the Big Eight, and head coach Pat Jones said, "We think Mike is the best quarterback in college football today."

**The 1989 All-American checklist was written by Kevin Henry.**

South Carolina's **TODD ELLIS** already owns virtually all of the Gamecock school passing and total offense records, and he returns for his senior season to increase those marks.

Ellis has thrown for 8,449 yards and 39 touchdowns in his career. He needs 2,976 yards to become the nation's career passing leader. In 1988, Ellis threw for 2,223 yards and nine touchdowns (including a 97-yard scoring strike). He has surpassed the 200-yard mark 24 times in 34 career games and has gone over 300 yards in a game nine times. Besides being an outstanding football player, Ellis is also the spokesman for South Carolina's "Be Free to Succeed" anti-drug program.

Down in Cajun country, the name of only one quarterback comes to mind: **TOMMY HODSON**. The 6-3 senior has thrown for over 2,000 yards in each of the last three seasons and has been named All-SEC each year.

Hodson ranks first or second in three separate LSU categories and is in the Top 10 in three different SEC rankings. Perhaps his most amazing statistic is throwing 106 straight passes before being intercepted last year against Florida. Some of his single-game accomplishments include throwing for 299 yards at Ohio State and throwing a touchdown pass on fourth down with 1:41 left to beat Auburn 7-6. With Hodson at quarterback, the Tigers are 27-6-1. He needs only 245 yards to become LSU's career passing leader and he needs only nine scoring tosses to become the SEC's career TD passer.

Following the mold of Major Harris, Notre Dame's **TONY RICE** is another superior all-around quarterback. In leading the Fighting Irish to last year's national championship, the senior-to-be passed for 1,176 yards and eight touchdowns while scampering for an additional 700 yards and nine touchdowns (he runs a 4.48 forty). Rice's finest game in 1988 was against Miami as he completed eight passes for 195 yards and one touchdown.

Some of his 1988 honors include being named MVP in wins over Penn State and USC, the Notre Dame offensive MVP and honorable-mention All-American in three polls. Rice is considered one of the contenders for this



Senior Todd Ellis holds 25 school records.

year's Heisman Trophy.

For Illinois quarterback **JEFF GEORGE**, 1988 was a dream season. The 6-4 senior from Indianapolis finished second in the Big Ten in total offense by averaging 206 yards per game. Some of his personal highlights included a 316-yard passing performance against Michigan State and 343 yards through the air against the Golden Gophers of Minnesota. He also caught a touchdown pass against Northwestern.

After redshirting a year due to his transfer from Purdue, George threw for 2,257 yards in his first season at the Illinois controls. He received honorable-mention All-America honors from UPI and was named second-team All-Big Ten by the Associated Press.

Auburn's **REGGIE SLACK** continues the tradition of fine quarterbacks in the SEC. After throwing for 2,230 yards during the 1988 campaign, Slack was named All-SEC by AP and UPI. His yardage total for 1988 was the second best in Auburn history, and he went over the 2,000-yard passing mark faster than any quarterback in Auburn history.

His single-game best last year was when he completed 20 of 34 passes

against Georgia for 263 yards and two touchdowns. His performance earned him the SEC's Offensive Player of the Week award. Auburn is 11-2 when Slack is behind center, including a SEC championship and a Sugar Bowl berth. "He did a great job of running the team and controlling it at the line of scrimmage. He's a winner," said Auburn head coach Pat Dye.

When many people think of the Wishbone, they automatically think of Oklahoma, but this year's Wishbone magician resides in Colorado Springs in the form of **DEE DOWIS**.

The 5-10, 155-pound senior quarterback established an NCAA single-season rushing record for a quarterback and established a WAC rushing record for a sophomore two years ago by juking his way to 1,315 yards. Along with this he threw for 600 yards and four touchdowns. He was named by *The Sporting News* as one of the nation's best all-purpose quarterbacks.

"Dowis is outstanding. He makes that offense go. He's so quick and so talented and, all things considered, he has got to be one of the best young guys running the 'Bone," stated Utah head coach Jim Fassel. BYU head coach LaVell Edwards said, "Air Force has a real prize

there. He's as good a player as I've seen." No wonder he is in the running for the 1989 Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award.

As the leader of the Arkansas offense, **QUINN GROVEY** led the Razorbacks to a 10-2 season and a Cotton Bowl appearance by throwing for 966 yards and running for 515 yards. The All-SWC performer completed 63.3 percent of his passes while executing the triple option to perfection. Grovey led the Southwest Conference in passing efficiency with a 153.4 rating last year as a sophomore.

Grovey has received many compliments from his opponents, including Baylor linebacker Gary Joe Kinne's declaration that "Grovey is the best quarterback in the league." His teammates agree. "I'm glad he's on our team. I wouldn't want to play against him," said recently graduated defensive tackle Wayne Martin.

Without a quarterback, no team would be able to function properly. They are the heart and soul of any team. Without Grovey, would Arkansas have gone to the Cotton Bowl? Would West Virginia have played for the national title if they had not had Major Harris? It is possible, but the game would not have been nearly as exciting.

These are the names that will be the leaders of 1989. They are all talented, they all have their special gifts, and they are all fine athletes. They will hear the fans moan when they throw an interception and cheer when they lead their team to victory. They are the quarterbacks, and the burden of leadership is on their shoulders. ■

#### ALL-AMERICAN QUARTERBACK CHECKLIST (in alphabetical order)

Dee Dowis	Air Force	sr.
Todd Ellis	S. Carolina	sr.
Jeff George	Illinois	jr.
Quinn Grovey	Arkansas	jr.
Mike Gundy	Okla. St.	sr.
Major Harris	W. Virginia	sr.
Tommy Hodson	LSU	sr.
Tony Rice	Notre Dame	sr.
Reggie Slack	Auburn	sr.
Andre Ware	Houston	jr.

## ALL-AMERICAN RUNNING BACKS

**W**ith speed and agility, he comes right at you. As the defensive back, you think to yourself, "I've got him now." Just as he reaches you, he eludes your tackle with almost unbelievable grace. As he runs down the sideline and you are left picking yourself up off the turf, you think, "That's what makes him an All-American."

Running back is perhaps the most glamorous position on the team. After the quarterback hands off to him and he reaches the open field, just how far he gets depends on his quick thinking and his quick feet.

Barry Sanders won the Heisman Trophy by juking his way past would-be tacklers, but he is gone to the NFL. Also skipping their final year of eligibility are Georgia's Tim Worley and Alabama's Bobby Humphrey. But despite the loss of these three sensational backs, there are still plenty of great runners left in the college ranks.

While Sanders grabbed most of the spotlight for running backs last year, Texas A&M's **DARREN LEWIS** was putting together some impressive statistics of his own. The 5-11 junior finished 1988 rushing for a school-record 1,692 yards, the second-best season total in SWC history (Earl Campbell had 1,744 in 1977). Lewis was a unanimous choice for the SWC Offensive Player of the Year and was also a first-team All-America pick by the AP.

Lewis has tied or broken 11 school and SWC records and is No. 7 on the Aggies' career rushing chart. His new head coach, R.C. Slocum, says, "Darren has the durability to carry the ball a number of times and the speed to break the long one at any time."

Indiana has always been a hotbed for basketball. But the Hoosier football team is on its way to earning some respect, thanks to tailback **ANTHONY THOMPSON**.

Thompson rushed for 1,686 yards and 26 touchdowns in the tough Big Ten in 1988 and was second in scoring in the nation with a 13.1 average. He was tabbed first-team All-America by UPI, Football Writers of America, the Walter

Camp Foundation, and *The Sporting News*. He was also named the Big Ten's Player of the Year by AP and UPI. Thompson has set nine Indiana records and has earned the respect of opposing coaches. "Thompson is by far the best running back we've seen in years," said Iowa's Hayden Fry, and Ohio State mentor John Cooper added, "I think he's a great back because he is so durable."

Anytime Florida's **EMMITT SMITH** touches the football, the Gators have a chance at a touchdown. In 1987 as a freshman, Smith gained 1,341 yards and was named Freshman Player of the Year by UPI and *The Sporting News* and became the first Florida freshman to earn consensus All-SEC honors. He finished ninth in the 1987 Heisman Trophy balloting. As a sophomore, Smith was well on his way to another banner year before injuring his knee. Despite his injury, he finished the campaign with 988 yards and was named All-SEC for the second consecutive year. He was working on a streak of nine consecutive 100-yard rushing games before leaving the Memphis State contest in the third quarter. Against Mississippi State, Smith exploded for a 96-yard touchdown, the longest run in Florida history. Head coach Galen Hall thinks, "Smith ranks right up there with Billy Sims and Neal Anderson."

Nebraska has always had a tradition of great running backs and **KEN CLARK** is no exception. Clark finished second in the Big Eight rushing race, behind Sanders, with 1,497 yards and 12 scores. He was fifth nationally in rushing, and this All-Big Eight selection was also named honorable-mention All-America by UPI, AP, and *The Sporting News*.

Clark's biggest game was against Oklahoma State when he rushed for 256 yards. He had two consecutive 200-yard rushing games and was named Big Eight Offensive Player of the Week for his role in Nebraska's victory over Oklahoma as he rushed for 167 yards on 24 carries. The 5-9 senior will look to become the Big Eight's premier back in 1989.

The Michigan Wolverines are hoping for a return trip to the Rose Bowl and **TONY BOLES** will be called upon to lead his team to Pasadena.

Boles rushed for 1,408 yards and nine

touchdowns last year for Bo Schembechler's club. Boles racked up some impressive statistics last year, including 213 yards against Wake Forest and 179 yards on 10 carries against Wisconsin, including an 81-yard scoring sprint. But Boles is quick to give credit to those who deserve it: "When our offensive line is making holes like that, anyone can be gaining yards like I did." Wake Forest coach Bill Dooley said, "The thing that I was impressed with the most was his ability to burst through the line." And once that happens, "you can't catch him from behind," said Schembechler. That's why Boles is one of the best backs in the Big Ten.

The wild, wild West seemed to get a little wilder when **DABBY DAWSON** signed with Wyoming.

Dawson was Mr. Everything for the Cowboys last year as he rushed for 1,119 yards and caught 21 passes for 249 yards to lead Wyoming to a Holiday Bowl berth and some national recognition. Dawson took the Holiday Bowl opening kickoff 28 yards before being injured and missing the rest of the game.

His finest game was a 225-yard rushing performance at San Diego State on 16 carries. The All-WAC performer also rushed for 179 yards against New Mexico. The senior running back also was named honorable-mention All-America by the Associated Press. Look for good things in 1989 from Dawson and his Cowboys.

Another talented back makes his home in Boulder and will be looked upon to bring the Buffaloes closer to a Big Eight title. **ERIC BIENIEMY** will be a force to be reckoned with in the Big Eight this year.

The 5-6 junior became the first running back at Colorado to rush for 1,000 yards in a season since 1977. His 1,243 yards in 10 games is a tribute to his athletic ability. Last year, Bieniemy led the Buffs in three offensive categories and was sixth in the nation in rushing. His top performance came against Oregon State as he scooted for 211 yards and three touchdowns.

Some of the honors he earned last season include being named consensus All-Big Eight and honorable-mention All-America by the AP, UPI, *The Sporting News*, and *Football News*. Besides



**Darren Lewis (25) may be the premier back in the nation.**

this, he was named the team MVP and selected as its representative as the Big Eight Offensive Player of the Week six times.

For Army's **MIKE MAYWEATHER**, the Wishbone is a chance to show that he belongs in the upper echelon of running backs throughout the nation.

During the 1988 season, Mayweather amassed 1,022 yards on 191 attempts and nine touchdowns. Not only that, but he also was a demon on kickoff returns, running 13 of them back for a 25-yard average. His lone pass reception of the season was for 48 yards.

Mayweather received some national exposure during CBS' telecast of the Army-Navy game and that network's showing of the Sun Bowl from El Paso between Army and Alabama. In both these games, Mayweather showed his athleticism. He should be considered one of the best players at his position this year. Mike Mayweather could become a household name during the 1989 season.

When the state of Minnesota is mentioned, thoughts of Vikings and Twins come to mind, but **DARRELL THOMPSON** wants to add the Gophers to that list in 1989.

After piecing together 2,469 yards and 21 touchdowns in his two seasons with the Golden Gophers, Thompson hopes to improve his statistics this season. He entered last season ranked as a solid candidate for the Heisman behind UCLA's Troy Aikman and Humphrey. One of Thompson's biggest accomplishments was becoming the first

player to ever rush for more than 200 yards against Michigan. Minnesota coach John Gutekunst believes "he has eyes in the back of his head. He'll see an object and knows he has to get out of the way." Gutekunst also added, "He's the best I've seen in 21 years of college football." Thompson has been compared to Lorenzo White in his running style.

Down in Lubbock, the Red Raiders think they have a star of their own in running back **JAMES GRAY**. Gray finished the 1988 season with 938 yards and 11 touchdowns. He combined that with 351 receiving yards (including an 85-yard streak) and four touchdowns to lead Texas Tech in total offense.

Gray was chosen honorable-mention All-America by the AP and has already been named a captain of his team for the upcoming season. If it had not been for Darren Lewis' fine year, Gray would have received quite a bit more attention for his efforts.

There are several players on the fringe of greatness. **MIKE GADDIS** of Oklahoma is one of the finest young running backs in the country. He finished the 1988 season with 553 yards. Even though his total yards don't number that of his counterparts, Gaddis missed one game with a neck injury and rushed for 213 yards against Oklahoma State on only 18 attempts. Plus, he was running out of the multi-back Wishbone then. Gaddis is now the star attraction in OU's new I-formation.

Senior **BLAKE EZOR** of Michigan State gives the Big Ten yet another star

back. Ezor rushed for 1,496 yards last year in 12 games (that includes the Gator Bowl vs. Georgia). He was especially effective in turning around the Spartans' on-the-brink season. MSU was 0-4-1, and then Ezor got untracked and rushed for 945 yards and 11 TDs in Michigan State's last seven games, averaging 135 yards an outing while cutting down on his fumbles. During Ezor's hot streak, Michigan State went 6-1. Because of this conference's depth at tailback, Ezor could set a slew of records and even make some All-America teams without winning All-Big Ten.

Although Tim Worley and Lars Tate grabbed most of the attention at Georgia in recent years, **RODNEY HAMPTON** has had his share of fine moments also. His performance in the 1988 opener against Tennessee earned him national recognition as he rushed for 196 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries. He ran for 890 yards as a freshman and 719 as a sophomore last year when he was named second-team All-SEC.

Any of these backs could explode onto the national scene just as Sanders did last year. They each possess the talent and speed to be key figures in their respective offenses in 1989.

However, we'll give fair warning to the above-mentioned runners to look over their shoulders for a trio of injured superstars returning in 1989, each with All-America pedigree: Blair Thomas of Penn State, Reggie Cobb of Tennessee and Harvey Williams of LSU. If healthy, they could easily challenge for national honors. ■

#### ALL-AMERICAN RUNNING BACK CHECKLIST (in alphabetical order)

<b>Eric Bieniemy</b>	Colorado	jr.
<b>Tony Boles</b>	Michigan	so.
<b>Ken Clark</b>	Nebraska	sr.
<b>Dabby Dawson</b>	Wyoming	sr.
<b>James Gray</b>	Texas Tech	sr.
<b>Darren Lewis</b>	Texas A&M	jr.
<b>Mike Mayweather</b>	Army	jr.
<b>Emmitt Smith</b>	Florida	jr.
<b>Anthony Thompson</b>	Indiana	sr.
<b>Darrell Thompson</b>	Minnesota	sr.

## ALL-AMERICAN OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

**O**ffensive linemen are in a strange predicament. They are only inches away from their opponents. The crowd notices the linemen when they are called for holding or when the quarterback is dropped for a sack, but when the star tailback springs loose for an 80-yard run, the fans give tons of credit to the back and ounces to the linemen. Life in the trenches is not much fun.

And while running backs are nicknamed "Sweetness" and "Mercury," linemen receive names such as "The Warpigs" and "The Hogs." Yet, there is no closer group of players than the offensive linemen. They always stick together and if one of them misses a block, the others are there to encourage him.

Good linemen are hard to find, but we think we have found the best in the country.

Nebraska's tradition of outstanding linemen continues in the form of center **JAKE YOUNG**. In 1988, Young earned All-America honors from the AP and the Walter Camp Foundation. Young has been called one of the finest technicians

that offensive line coaches Milt Tenopir and Dan Young have ever worked with in Lincoln.

Young was one of the main reasons Nebraska had the highest rushing average per game in 1988 (382.3), and Ken Clark amassed 1,497 yards in rushing. Besides being a great lineman, Young is also a fine student: he has a 3.38 GPA and was named to the Academic All-District VII team for the second straight year by the College Sports Information Directors of America. He was also named Academic All-Big Eight.

Returning All-American right guard **MARK TUCKER** of Southern Cal continues the tradition of great Trojan linemen.

The 6-3, 265-pound junior earned All-Pacific 10 honors and All-America honors from the *The Sporting News* last year as a sophomore and has become a dominant blocker because of his strength, quickness, and athletic ability. As a redshirt freshman, he was named to *The Sporting News* honorable-mention All-America redshirt freshman team.

USC coach Larry Smith says, "Mark is the foundation upon which we're building our offensive line in 1989."

Tucker was listed as one of the top offensive linemen in the country coming out of Banning High School in Wilmington, Calif., and he has made USC very happy with his play so far.

*The Sporting News* has labeled UCLA's **FRANK CORNISH** as the top returning center in 1989. While snapping the ball to Troy Aikman last year, the 6-4, 275, senior-to-be was named second-team All-America by *The Sporting News*, third-team All-America by *Football News*, honorable-mention All-America by AP and UPI, and first-team All-Pacific 10.

This native of Chicago is considered to be one of the top contenders for this year's Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy. He enters the 1989 season with a string of 24 consecutive starts for Terry Donahue's Bruins. UCLA coaches call Cornish "one of the top centers to ever play at UCLA" and "in possession of the complete package for a center." The city of Los Angeles holds two of the best linemen in the nation in Tucker and Cornish.

Though many people may not have heard of **PAT CROWLEY**, the North Carolina lineman is one of the best in the country on the offensive line.

Crowley has earned All-ACC honors the last two years and has a chance to become only the second lineman in ACC history to be a three-time honoree. He has already established himself in the record book by becoming the first lineman in Tar Heel history to be All-ACC as a sophomore. Crowley was rated the second-best lineman in the South by one magazine out of Jackson, Miss., and faces the tough task in 1989 of being the only returning starter on the line for North Carolina.

"Everyone knows what a great player he is, but he is also a leader," said head coach Mack Brown. "I only hope we can win enough games so he can get some of the national recognition he deserves."

SWC champion Arkansas also has a gem of a tackle in **JIM MABRY**. The 6-4, 265-pound senior was a key to the Razorbacks' 10-2 season and their Cotton Bowl appearance last year.

In Arkansas' contest against Baylor, Mabry recovered a fumbled interception which was the key play in the Hogs'



**Frank Cornish of UCLA could challenge for the Lombardi/Outland.**

33-3 victory. Against Texas A&M, Mabry virtually stuffed all-star line-backer Aaron Wallace, allowing the offense to run on all cylinders.

Not only is Mabry dedicated on the field, he was also selected to the All-SWC Academic team and is a member of the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society at Arkansas. Coming out of high school, Mabry was known mostly for his weightlifting skills, but he has impressed the Razorback coaching staff. "He's gotten better every game because he really plays hard," said offensive line coach Ken Turner.

Another All-SWC returnee is Texas A&M's **MATT MCCALL**.

The 6-7 tackle made an impact on the collegiate level as a true freshman in 1987 as he started against Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl. He solidified his hold on the right tackle position this year with relentless pass protection and fine run-blocking. After the 1988 season, McCall was named honorable-mention All-America by the AP and was consensus first-team All-SWC. His role during the upcoming season will be that of a leader on the offensive line. He is expected to anchor the line and provide great blocking once again for players like Darren Lewis.

**ERIC STILL** of Tennessee is another outstanding performer on and off the field. Last year, Still was named All-SEC by the coaches and Academic All-SEC for the third straight year. In addition, this senior Volunteer was named to the 1988 Academic All-District III team.

Still will enter his senior year with three years of experience on the Volunteer line under his belt. The 6-3, 274-pound Still will be one of the keys in blocking for tailback Reggie Cobb. Still believes that playing on the line gives "a personal satisfaction in that you know that if you do your job right, things will happen." Head coach Johnny Majors says Still brings to the offensive line "leadership qualities that are an inspiration to the young linemen."

One of the most amazing statistics about Miami last year was that quarterback Steve Walsh was only sacked six times in 394 passing attempts. What makes this even more surprising is that Miami played teams like Florida State,



**Mark Tucker will lead USC's return to power running.**

Michigan, Nebraska, and Notre Dame. One of the main reasons the Miami passing game worked so well last year was guard **MIKE SULLIVAN**.

Sullivan was named to the AP's second-team All-South Independent squad last year as a sophomore and rated as Miami's second-best lineman. He has started 23 consecutive games for the Hurricanes and has played in 12 nationally televised games against 11 Top 20 teams, proving his ability to play against the best.

Miami believes Sullivan is one of the most physical linemen in their program and he continues to impress his coaches by being able to think and adjust quickly to the defensive alignment.

Oklahoma's **TERRON MANNING** is another young offensive lineman with a great deal of potential. The 6-2, 292, tackle began the 1988 season at left guard and finished the campaign at left tackle, proving his versatility. He has earned the respect of his coaches with his playing ability. Offensive line coach Merv Johnson calls Manning "an almost ideal physical specimen for a run-oriented team," and Barry Switzer feels that Manning could be one of the best linemen in Sooner history before his college career is over.

While attending high school in Muskogee, Okla., he was regarded as one of the best offensive linemen in the state. Manning was voted second-team

All-Big Eight last year as a sophomore.

Another young and talented lineman in the Big Eight is Colorado's **MARK VANDER POEL**.

During the 1988 season, Vander Poel started all 11 games for the Buffs at right offensive tackle and was tabbed second-team All-Big Eight. He participated in 676 offensive plays last year, leading the team in that category. At 6-8, he is the tallest player on the Colorado squad.

While in high school at Chino, Calif., Vander Poel was named to the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* Super II and the *Long Beach Press Telegram* Best-In-The-West squad, playing both offensive and defensive tackle.

Two other linemen to watch in the Big Eight are Nebraska's **DOUG GLASER** and OU's **MARK VAN KEIRSBILCK**. Glaser is one of the biggest men to ever play for Tom Osborne; however, at 6-7, 295, the senior tackle still possesses great mobility. He was named to the second-team All-Big Eight squad and will be looked upon (along with Young) to be a leader of the Cornhusker offensive line in 1989. Van Keirsbilck began the 1988 season in the line, moved to tight end, and then moved back to right tackle. In high school, he was named to the *Parade* and *USA Today* All-America teams. He is the most versatile of the 1989 Sooner linemen.

The lineman's job may be the most difficult on the field. They will determine the power and strength of their offense and, in all honesty, they do not receive all of the recognition they so rightly deserve. So the next time you find yourself cheering on your favorite team, take some time to watch the line. The big plays begins there. ■

#### ALL-AMERICAN OFFENSIVE LINE CHECKLIST (in alphabetical order)

<b>Frank Cornish</b>	UCLA	sr.
<b>Pat Crowley</b>	N. Carolina	jr.
<b>Matt McCall</b>	Texas A&M	jr.
<b>Jim Mabry</b>	Arkansas	sr.
<b>Terron Manning</b>	Oklahoma	jr.
<b>Eric Still</b>	Tennessee	sr.
<b>Mike Sullivan</b>	Miami	jr.
<b>Mark Tucker</b>	USC	jr.
<b>Mark Vander Poel</b>	Colorado	jr.
<b>Jake Young</b>	Nebraska	sr.

## ALL-AMERICAN RECEIVERS

**W**hen you analyse receivers, you split them into two categories. The first is the "speedster" group. You know, the players like San Francisco's Jerry Rice, who can burn you at any moment with blazing speed. Once they are past you, the race is over. The other group includes the tight end. He is definitely the more physical of the two. Part of the time he may be called on to run a pass route over the middle and grab the pass while three defenders hit him from all sides. Other plays may require the tight end to block the defensive end in order to spring the running back for a big gain. The receivers definitely play a vital role in college football today.

They can electrify the crowd with their open-field moves or they can catch the third-and-short pass that gives their team the first down. There are some fine receivers in the college ranks this year. Some of them are well-kept secrets while others are big-name returnees. Who are the best big-play threats in college football? Here are our thoughts on that subject:

### WIDE RECEIVERS

Even though Timm Rosenbach left Washington State for the professional ranks, his favorite target remains in Pullman. Speedy **TIM STALLWORTH** caught 63 passes last year for 1,151 yards and eight touchdowns. The 5-11 senior will be drawing quite a bit of double-coverage this year from his opponents and the reasons are obvious.

In Washington State's upset of then-No. 1 UCLA at Pasadena, he was named the ABC Player of the Game and Pacific 10 Offensive Player of the Week. Against Tennessee, Stallworth caught two touchdown passes, including an 81-yard scoring strike that looked to be only a short gainer. Stallworth caught the ball on a short route, fumbled momentarily, scooped it up while fighting off a defender, then flew into the end zone — all without breaking his stride.

Stallworth earned second-team All-Pacific 10 and third-team All-America honors as a junior. He is ready to go fur-

ther in 1989.

In the ACC, one receiver's name strikes fear in the hearts of opposing secondaries: **CLARKSTON HINES**.

Duke's fifth-year senior was a 1988 All-America pick of the Football Writers Association of America after catching 68 passes for 1,067 yards and 10 touchdowns. Hines is the only player in ACC history to have twice caught passes for more than 1,000 yards in a season (including an ACC-best of 1,093 yards in 1987). His best game was against North Carolina State in 1987 when Hines grabbed 11 catches for 192 yards and three touchdowns. Hines needs only 262 yards to become the ACC's career reception-yardage leader. Hines has at least 100 yards receiving in 12 games over the past two years (six shy of the NCAA record) and has scored at least one touchdown in each of 13 contests over the same span.

"Clarkston Hines is the best wide receiver in the country, period," said Duke head coach Steve Spurrier.

Like Hines at Duke, Tulsa's **DAN BITSON** hopes his school and his statistics will draw more attention in 1989.

At 6-2, the junior-to-be has the size to catch the high throws plus the speed to break away from defenders. In the Golden Hurricane's 1988 finale against Colorado State, Bitson caught six pass-

es for 237 yards and three touchdowns. His three scores were on passes of 65, 74, and 49 yards. His 1,148 receiving yards in 1988 are the fourth best in school history. Tulsa produced NFL greats Drew Pearson, Steve Largent and Howard Twilley. Not bad company to be in. As a freshman, Bitson latched on to seven catches for 161 yards against Oklahoma State.

Coach Dave Rader called Bitson, "the best wide receiver in the area," and *The Sporting News* agreed as it named him to its second-team All-America list.

Kansas State may have been in the Big Eight cellar during the last couple of seasons, but wide receiver **GREG WASHINGTON** is the cream of the Big Eight wide receiver crop.

Washington was voted the Big Eight's Newcomer of the Year by the Big Eight coaches and second-team All-Big Eight by the coaches and the Associated Press. Washington went over the 100-yard receiving mark five times (including a season-high 157 yards on 11 catches against Oklahoma State). He broke three KSU records while catching 69 passes for 928 yards and nine touchdowns, despite the Wildcats going 0-11.

Former head coach Stan Parrish said, "He could play any position on the field except the line. Everything Washington gains, he deserves." Washington's senior year could bring some victories and definitely some recognition.

Florida State's **RONALD LEWIS** was named to the Associated Press' honorable-mention All-America team, and the Seminoles feel the best is yet to come.

As a junior, the 6-0 wide receiver hauled in 27 catches for 484 yards and two touchdowns. These may not be dominating statistics, but Coach Bobby Bowden relies on four receivers to make the big play, not just one. Lewis is also a threat to run the reverse anytime he enters the lineup.

Against Georgia Southern, Lewis grabbed seven passes for 140 yards (the most yardage for any FSU receiver during 1988). Lewis has 1,047 career receiving yards on 58 catches. His 18.1 yards-per-catch average is a testament to his blazing speed. Look for FSU to go to Lewis more this season because of his explosive quickness.



**Tim Stallworth almost single-handedly upset UCLA.**

## TIGHT ENDS

Missouri's **TIM BRUTON** will be a big factor when the Tigers try to rebuild their club under new head coach Bob Stull.

Last year, Bruton caught 26 passes for 447 yards and three touchdowns. His best game of the year was against Kansas State where he brought down three passes for 105 yards as the Tigers crushed the Wildcats 52-21. Bruton earned honorable mention All-Big Eight honors last year and was the first tight end to lead Missouri in receiving since 1979. He was named *The Sporting News* top tight end prospect in the country prior to last season.

After taking a look at Bruton, Stull said, "He looks like a heckuva player." After being a blocker in the Wishbone last year, look for Bruton to live up to his potential in 1989.

With his coach and his quarterback gone, **ROB CHUDZINSKI** of Miami may feel lonely in south Florida, but he is one of the dominant tight ends in the nation. The 6-4 junior was described by former coach Jimmy Johnson as a player "who is not real big, not real fast, and not a great athlete. He just gets open and always catches the ball."

Despite sitting out two games last year with an injury, Chudzinski caught 30 passes for 388 yards and five touchdowns. In games against other teams in the Top 20, Chudzinski accounted for 23 catches for 295 yards and two scores. Chudzinski is also known as a "clutch" receiver. Nine of his first 13 collegiate catches were good for first downs and three of them went for touchdowns. Against Michigan, Chudzinski had a career-best 76 yards on six catches, including a key reception that helped Miami edge Michigan 31-30.

Chudzinski earned honorable-mention All-America honors last year and was given All-South Independent first-team honors also.

Los Angeles has always been the city of the stars, and UCLA's **CHARLES ARBUCKLE** fits right in.

Arbuckle entered last season ranked second at his position by *The Sporting News*. He ended the 1988 season with 259 yards on 17 catches despite missing five games due to strained knee ligaments. His best game of the year came



**Clarkston Hines** gained over 1,000 yards receiving two years in a row.

against Nebraska when he latched on to five aerials for 100 yards and two touchdowns, including a 57-yarder where he pulled away from several would-be tacklers. In his first game back from injury last year, Arbuckle hauled in four catches for 64 yards against Washington State, including a 33-yarder that put UCLA on the 6-yard line with time running out.

The 6-2 senior-to-be hooked up with Troy Aikman in the Cotton Bowl for a 35-yard reception, which was UCLA's longest play of the day. He was heading for an all-star year in 1987 before he injured his knee against Oregon.

Also in Los Angeles, senior **SCOTT GALBRAITH** of Southern Cal returns to defend his throne as the Pacific 10's all-conference tight end. He caught 21 passes for 311 yards and two touchdowns last year. Galbraith made the AP All-America third-team. "Scott was the surprise of our team last year," Coach Larry Smith said after Galbraith was a preseason backup before replacing injured Paul Green, who was the 1987 all-conference tight end. USC plans a more conservative offense this fall (because of Rodney Peete's departure), so Galbraith should see plenty of ball-control passes.

Oregon State's **PHIL ROSS** finished the 1988 season with 30 receptions for 347 yards and one touchdown. His best year, however, was his sophomore year

when he caught 56 passes for 625 yards and three scores. Ross caught nine passes in a game twice that season (against Arizona and Georgia).

Ross ranks fourth on the Beavers' career receiving chart with 117 receptions. His coach, Dave Kragthorpe, says, "Phil is simply an outstanding player." Ross will battle Arbuckle and Galbraith for the title of the best tight end in the Pacific 10 in 1989.

These 10 players will provide a lot of excitement for their respective schools this season. They are the best at their positions, and they each possess the skill, speed, and soft hands that it takes to be an All-American. They will give opposing secondaries many sleepless nights. ■

### ALL-AMERICAN RECEIVER CHECKLIST

(in alphabetical order)

<b>Charles Arbuckle</b>	UCLA	sr.
<b>Dan Bitson</b>	Tulsa	jr.
<b>Tim Bruton</b>	Missouri	jr.
<b>Scott Galbraith</b>	USC	sr.
<b>Rob Chudzinski</b>	Miami	jr.
<b>Clarkston Hines</b>	Duke	sr.
<b>Ronald Lewis</b>	Florida St.	sr.
<b>Phil Ross</b>	Oregon St.	sr.
<b>Tim Stallworth</b>	Wash. St.	sr.
<b>Greg Washington</b>	Kansas St.	sr.

## ALL-AMERICAN DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

**O**nly inches away from his offensive counterparts, the defensive lineman has the crucial job of fighting off blockers and working his way into the backfield, but he may be double-teamed or even triple-teamed before he can close on the ball. Life in the trenches is a Pier Six brawl. Every man for himself. The strong survive. The weak perish. In this list of defensive linemen, we have found 10 survivors with the talent and the stamina to become All-Americans.

In the warmth of Southern California resides the most decorated defensive lineman, USC's **TIM RYAN**. This 6-5, 250-pound tackle became the first Trojan defensive tackle to win All-America status in six years when he was named to the 1988 Football Writers Association of America squad. Not only did he receive that award, but he also earned All-Pacific 10 and UPI All-West Coast honors for his 75 total tackles in only 10 games, including 13 for 55 yards in losses. Ryan and big plays are Siamese twins: where he goes, they go (two fumbles caused and eight pass deflections in '88).

Ryan was a frisky soph in 1987 as he posted 109 stops (with a career-best 18 at Notre Dame), which earned him second-team All-Pacific 10 merit.

Coach Larry Smith describes Ryan as "a dominant big-play type who controls the line of scrimmage. He's a real leader."

Defending national champion Notre Dame also returns a fine defender in the form of junior noseguard **CHRIS ZORICH**. In his first season as a regular, Zorich was awarded All-American honors by the Newspaper Enterprise Association as he racked up 70 tackles and three fumble recoveries (two against Miami in the 31-30 thriller). Zorich also played a key role in the Irish's 19-17 victory over Michigan, posting 10 tackles and two sacks.

Zorich is not only a dominant player on the field, but he is dedicated off the field. He is the strongest man on the Notre Dame team, bench pressing 450 pounds. The 6-1 noseguard is described by Notre Dame officials as an "extremely enthusiastic player who should rank as one of the best defensive linemen in the country in 1989."

Another noseguard who should receive national recognition this season is Florida State's **ODELL HAGGINS**.

The 6-2, 260-pound senior is the Seminoles' top defensive candidate for All-America honors after he was in on 68 tackles last season, three quarterback sacks and two forced fumbles. His biggest game might have been against Florida when he broke up three passes and returned an interception 11 yards for a score in the 52-17 victory over the Gators. Other memorable games were at South Carolina (16 stops), East Carolina (13) plus eight against Miami and Clemson. For his efforts, Haggins was named second-team All-America by the Associated Press.

Florida State officials call Haggins "the unquestioned leader of the FSU defense going into 1989."

On the other side of the nation, Washington's **DENNIS BROWN** is making a name for himself in the Husky record books. He is currently fifth in career tackles for losses (29) and lost yardage (149).

Although he missed the last three games of the 1988 campaign, Brown accumulated 55 tackles and batted down three passes. Against San Jose State, Brown sacked the quarterback three times for 30 yards in losses and the following week accounted for 10 stops in a loss to UCLA. The scary thing about Brown is that the Washington coaching staff feels he is nowhere near his potential. A second-team All-American (UPI) and All-Pacific 10 performer last year, Brown should get even better, according to Husky head coach Don James: "I can't see that there's anyone who could be better than Dennis, if he can improve his conditioning."

Junior defensive tackle **SCOTT EVANS** of Oklahoma seems to enjoy playing against the tough teams. In OU's much-ballyhooed battle last year with USC, the 6-3, 250-pounder made 12 tackles, including a 9-yard sack of Rodney Peete. Against fast-improving Colorado, Evans stormed through the Buff offensive line and sacked quarterback Sal Aunese for an 8-yard loss that forced Colorado to try a 62-yard field goal (which missed) and allowed OU to escape Boulder with a 17-14 victory. Evans also punished Oklahoma State with eight tackles. In all, Evans finished with 66 tackles and seven quarterback sacks (the most by a Sooner



**Defensive tackle Dennis Brown could be the country's best if he controls his weight.**

since All-American noseguard Tony Casillas in 1984).

Not only did Evans receive All-Big Eight honors in football as a redshirt sophomore, but he also starred in the classroom, as he was named Academic All-Big Eight for the second straight year. Coach Barry Switzer calls him the best defensive down lineman in the league.

Senior tackle **ROB BURNETT** of Syracuse is called the Orangemen's "impact player"; the label fits him well.

Last year, he was tabbed third-team All-America (AP) and earned a spot on the AP's All-East team and the ECAC's All-Star squad after recording 63 tackles and six sacks. The coaching staff named him Defensive Tackler of the Game for his efforts against Rutgers as he piled up seven tackles and knocked down two passes in a 34-20 win.

As a sophomore in 1987, Burnett led the team with 11 sacks (the fourth highest season total in school history) and also had 43 tackles in helping lead Coach Dick MacPherson's club to an 11-0-1 season.

Despite only playing in eight games last season, **MORRIS GARDNER** of Illinois established himself as one of the best noseguards in the country. Gardner made 68 tackles for the Fighting Illini and earned All-Big Ten honors. He has been named the team's Defensive Player of the Year (1988) and Rookie of the Year (1987). In two seasons at Illinois, Gardner has made 161 tackles (including 109 solos) and eight sacks for a total of 70 yards in losses.

Gardner had nine tackles, one sack and two pass break-ups in a shocking 31-12 win at Ohio State that started the Buckeyes on a three-game slide. Coach John Mackovic says, "His play in the middle gives us the type of front that is attacking, active and in every way able to play the run and put pressure on the passer."

A surprise starter at tackle in 1988 preseason drills, Miami's **RUSSELL MARYLAND** became a true Hurricane success story. As a prep senior, Maryland was overlooked by many schools and came to Miami weighing over 300 pounds. But through hard work, Maryland beat out 1987 regular Jimmie Jones for a first-string position.

**Rob Burnett (70) will lead a solid Syracuse defensive front.**



Maryland accounted for 87 tackles (leading all defensive linemen), eight sacks (tied for second) and eight tackles for 25 yards in losses (tied for first). He was in double figures in tackles for three straight weeks (12 against Wisconsin, 13 versus Missouri, and 12 at Notre Dame) and was the only Hurricane to have three sacks in one game (BYU). He also broke up more passes (three) than any other defensive linemen. All of this earned Maryland second-team All-South Independent (AP) honors.

After the Nebraska Black Shirts gave up 42 points to Oklahoma State last fall, they came together as an unit and held powerhouses Oklahoma and Colorado out of the end zone. One of the reasons was the emergence of tackle **KENT WELLS**. The 6-5, 285-pounder finished the year with 38 tackles, seven of them for losses totaling 39 yards, and eight quarterback hurries. His top game of the season was against Missouri when he nailed the Tigers for seven tackles (five unassisted) in the Huskers' 26-18 win. Against Oklahoma, Wells was credited with four tackles (two of them were sacks for 12 yards in losses).

Defensive coordinator Charlie McBride believes that Wells "could be the best defensive tackle to ever play for Nebraska if he reaches his potential." If the last five games of 1988 and a dominating spring practice are any indication, Wells could earn that recognition in 1989.

Injuries often keep a player from

blooming into a superstar. Such was the case with Auburn defensive tackle **DAVID ROCKER** in 1988. Even though the Auburn defensive line contained three All-SEC performers and two All-Americans, Auburn coaches felt that Rocker could have broken into the lineup quite easily had it not been for a recurring ankle injury.

He finished that sophomore campaign with 32 tackles and two sacks for 12 yards in losses. He also proved his versatility by playing all three positions on the line, providing needed relief for the starters. But in 1989, Auburn coaches expect him to continue the tradition of fine defensive linemen, including that of his older brother Tracy, last season's Outland and Lombardi winner. Auburn coaches say Tracy and David could become the first brother tandem to win the Outland and Lombardi if David lives up to his potential. ■

#### ALL-AMERICAN DEFENSIVE LINE CHECKLIST (in alphabetical order)

<b>Dennis Brown</b>	Washington	sr.
<b>Rob Burnett</b>	Syracuse	sr.
<b>Scott Evans</b>	Oklahoma	jr.
<b>Morris Gardner</b>	Illinois	jr.
<b>Odell Haggins</b>	Florida St.	sr.
<b>Russell Maryland</b>	Miami	jr.
<b>David Rocker</b>	Auburn	jr.
<b>Tim Ryan</b>	Southern Cal	sr.
<b>Kent Wells</b>	Nebraska	sr.
<b>Chris Zorich</b>	Notre Dame	jr.

## ALL-AMERICAN LINEBACKERS

**W**hen a football player is tabbed by his coach as a linebacker, he must possess great versatility. He may be called on to stuff the fullback on third-and-one. Likewise, on third-and-15, he may be asked to drop into pass coverage or to surprise the quarterback with a heated blitz. In any of the three cases, the linebacker must possess strength, speed, and determination. The same is true for the defensive end. Whether it is holding up the tight end for a split-second after the snap or fighting off an offensive lineman, the end must contain the play and not let the back get outside. These two positions are critical to the success of a defensive unit, and nobody plays the positions better than the 10 following athletes.

For Michigan State senior linebacker **PERCY SNOW**, two goals are left for him in his career as a Spartan. "My personal goal is to win the Butkus Award as the No. 1 linebacker in the nation," said Snow. "After that, it's to be known as the best linebacker to ever play at Michigan State." Snow has the ability to accomplish both tasks.

Two years ago, Snow was named the Rose Bowl MVP with a 17-tackle performance. He improved on that in 1988 by raking in numerous honors, including *The Sporting News* All-America plus UPI and AP All-Big Ten. He was also among the final five candidates for the 1988 Butkus Award. What did Snow do to deserve such praise? Start with 164 tackles, including six for 13 yards in losses. Snow helped George Perles' Spartans lead the Big Ten in defense against rushing and scoring and should be primed for a fine senior year.

**MICHAEL STONEBREAKER** of Notre Dame also had a fine campaign last year. Besides helping the Irish win the national championship, Stonebreaker also brought in some personal honors, including All-America notice by the Associated Press and Football Writers Association of America. He also finished third in the balloting for the Butkus Award. Stonebreaker made 104 stops and sparkled with great games against Navy (19 tackles) and Michigan

State (17). His biggest play, however, might have been against Miami when he hit fullback Cleveland Gary on the Irish 1-yard line. His bone-jarring hit caused Gary to lose the ball, and Stonebreaker recovered to help preserve Notre Dame's 31-30 win.

The coaching staff at Illinois knew that linebacker **DARRICK BROWNLOW** would be good in 1988, but he went far beyond their expectations. Brownlow was second among all Big Ten defenders in tackles (behind Snow) with an amazing 155, earning him All-Big Ten honors and a nomination for the Butkus Award. In addition to his phenomenal number of tackles, Brownlow also batted down six passes and recovered two fumbles.

As a freshman in 1987, Brownlow was named special teams captain of the Illini, the first time a freshman had ever earned the distinction of being a captain. Illini coach John Mackovic says Brownlow "just seems to roam from sideline to sideline and make all of the tackles that anybody could expect him to make." Brownlow was also honorable-mention All-America last year and helped lead the Illini to a 6-5-1 mark, a berth in the All-American Bowl and third-place finish in the rough Big Ten.

West Virginia senior linebacker **CHRIS HAERING** is another player

who enjoyed the fruits of a profitable season for his team and for himself. The 6-2, 210-pound senior-to-be from Pueblo, Colo., racked up 132 tackles and three interceptions for Don Nehlen's Mountaineers last year. After watching his team lose the national championship to Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl, Haering received All-America honors from the Newspaper Enterprise Association/World Book foundation and was named to the AP's All-East team. Last year's 11-1 Cinderella team definitely will be rebuilding in 1989, but West Virginia coaches call Haering "a smart and skilled aggressor who will be one of our team leaders."

Despite missing the last two games of the season, junior **KANAVIS MCGHEE** of Colorado was impressive enough to win All-Big Eight plus second-team All-America honors from UPI and *The Sporting News*. McGhee finished second on the Buffalo defense in total tackles (102), quarterback sacks (6), and tackles for losses (11). His best game of the season was against Oklahoma as McGhee haunted the Sooners with 23 tackles (including 15 unassisted). For his efforts, McGhee was named Big Eight Defensive Player of the Week.

Great things are expected of McGhee once again in 1989. He is completing rehabilitation of the broken ankle he suffered against Nebraska on Nov. 12 and has been chosen (along with fellow outside linebacker Alfred Williams) to appear on the regional cover of *The Sporting News* college football preview.

Even though he was listed as a starter in only six of Miami's 11 regular-season games, linebacker **MAURICE CRUM** still earned second-team All-America kudos from the AP. He took the Hurricanes by storm as he led the team with 108 tackles (including 60 solo stops). Once Crum became a starter, he averaged 12.2 tackles per contest.

His first game as a collegiate starter came against then-No. 1 Florida State, and he responded with nine unassisted tackles, a sack and a forced fumble in Miami's 31-0 romp. For his efforts, he was named the UPI's Southeastern Player of the Week. Crum seemed to shine in the big games as he had 14 stops against LSU and 12 against Arkansas. Former Hurricane defensive coordina-



**Kanavis McGhee adds to the Big Eight's recent tradition of great LBs.**

tor Dave Wannstedt called Crum "one of the most naturally instinctive football players I have ever seen." Miami is looking to Crum, a junior, for some leadership in 1989.

On a team filled with stars in 1989, Southern Cal junior linebacker **SCOTT ROSS** may be both the best and the most underrated of them all. Ross earned All-Pacific 10 honors in 1988 after leading his team in tackles with 137. He also hit hard enough to force two fumbles and was quick enough to recover four loose balls and deflect three passes. Ross came within one vote of being named the Pacific 10's Defensive Player of the Year, and he also received the honor of being the defensive MVP for Larry Smith's Trojans (the first sophomore so honored). Ross went over the double figure mark in tackles in eight games last year with a season-high 18 tackles against Pacific 10 foe Stanford. In the nationally televised game against Oklahoma, Ross totaled 14 stops and recovered a fumble that set up a field goal. Smith says that Ross "is the quarterback of our defense and its emotional leader."

Senior linebacker **LAMAR LATHON** of Houston may have been overlooked last year because of the Cougars' explosive Run and Shoot offense, but expect him to step out from behind its shadow this season. The two-year starter made 103 tackles (along with eight tackles for 48 yards in losses) last year while earning All-Southwest Conference honors. Lathon was a demon to opposing quarterbacks as he intercepted two passes (returning one for 40 yards), broke up three others and had one sack.

Lathon was one of the keys in Houston leading the SWC in total defense (giving up only 3.7 yards per play). Head coach Jack Pardee says, "You won't find a better athlete at linebacker in the country than Lathon. He's got a chance to be one of the top five players in college football this year."

Besides Stonebreaker, the Irish have another talented linebacker in 6-2 senior **NED BOLCAR**. Even though Bolcar never started a game for Lou Holtz's Notre Dame club in 1988, he finished fourth in total tackles with 57. He led the Irish with seven stops in their 52-7 victory over Purdue.

**Michigan State's Percy Snow is the Butkus favorite.**



In 1987, Bolcar started all 12 games at inside linebacker and played more minutes than any other defender. He had several big games that year, most noticeably Pitt (17 stops), USC (13), and Miami (10). He was named the *Sports Illustrated* Defensive Player of the Week in the 1987 win over USC thanks to 13 tackles, an interception early in the second half and a fumble recovery. His efforts that year earned him second-team All-America merit from the AP and third-team notice from *Football News*. Bolcar is expected to start at middle linebacker when the Irish begin the season in the Kickoff Classic against Virginia.

Certainly not to be overlooked is Syracuse's top linebacker, **TERRY WOODEN**. Last year he was named to *The Sporting News* honorable-mention All-America team while that publication also tabbed him the sixth-best linebacker in the nation. He was also All-East by the AP and an East Coast Athletic Conference all-star performer. He finished the season with 74 tackles and four interceptions (which tied him for the top spot on the team).

In 1987, Wooden was selected to the AP honorable-mention All-America

team as he rolled up 49 tackles in only nine games. He recorded nine tackles against Big Eight member Missouri.

Currently, Wooden is sixth on the Syracuse career sack chart with 14. Syracuse coaches say Wooden has great balance, rarely getting knocked down by a blocker.

As has been the case recently, linebacker/defensive end is the glamour defensive position in college football this season. The above players are 10 of the best, but they're joined by at least a dozen more linebackers/ends who could easily outshine them and conceivably challenge for the Butkus. ■

#### ALL-AMERICAN LINEBACKER/END CHECKLIST (In alphabetical order)

<b>Ned Bolcar</b>	Notre Dame	sr.
<b>Darrick Brownlow</b>	Illinois	jr.
<b>Maurice Crum</b>	Miami (Fla.)	jr.
<b>Chris Haering</b>	W. Virginia	sr.
<b>Lamar Lathon</b>	Houston	sr.
<b>Kanavis McGhee</b>	Colorado	jr.
<b>Scott Ross</b>	Southern Cal	jr.
<b>Percy Snow</b>	Michigan St.	sr.
<b>Mike Stonebreaker</b>	Notre Dame	sr.
<b>Terry Wooden</b>	Syracuse	jr.

## ALL-AMERICAN DEFENSIVE BACKS

**O**ne thing is for sure about the secondary — there's never a dull moment. One minute, a defensive back might have to shadow the opponent's fastest receiver as he runs a fly pattern. Or, on a running play, he might have to fight off blocks by backs or gigantic pulling linemen. When that happens, the defensive back often faces a 60-pound disadvantage.

You have to be fast, smart, strong and thick-skinned. There's a nickname for guys who get burned on deep passes: "Toast." Any of these next 10 players may earn the nickname of "Double-A" because any of them could make All-America.

When talking about honors given to defensive backs, junior **MARK CARRIER** of Southern Cal has won almost all of them. As a sophomore in 1988, Carrier was named All-America by UPI, All-Pacific 10 by *Football News* and second-team All-America by *The Sporting News*. He was among the 10 semifinalists for the Jim Thorpe Award (given to the best defensive back in the nation) and ranked second on the Trojan squad with 114 stops. He had six games in double figures in tackles, including 12 against Cotton Bowl guest UCLA.

Carrier not only tackled well but was an all-around excellent defender. He intercepted two passes, deflected 17 others and forced a fumble. "Mark is the rock of our secondary," said USC head coach Larry Smith. "He's very intelligent, has great range and is a tremendous hitter."

Smith is lucky enough to also have **CLEVELAND COLTER** in his defensive backfield. As USC's starting strong safety last year, Colter was picked to the *College & Pro Football Newsweekly* All-America team as he posted 81 tackles and three interceptions (all against California) despite missing the last four games of the season with a torn knee ligament. He was also credited with breaking up 12 passes, forcing two fumbles and recovering one loose ball.

Colter now has 10 career interceptions, tying him for 14th in USC's record book.

"Getting him healthy in 1989 will be

a key to much of our defensive success," said Smith. "He's a great athlete with a nose for big plays."

Going into 1989, **TODD SANDRONI** has tradition on his side. The Mississippi free safety led the SEC in interceptions for the second straight year (seven in 1988) and finished third nationally.

Sandroni was voted All-SEC by the coaches and earned third-team All-America status from *Football News*, which also named him a Sophomore All-American. He ended the season with 54 tackles in 10 games and ranked second on the team with six deflected passes. His biggest game might have come against Georgia. He intercepted the Bulldogs three times and returned one of them 27 yards for a score. Sandroni was also chosen Academic All-SEC for the second straight year with a 3.13 GPA. During 1987, Sandroni established a Rebel freshman record with seven interceptions.

Cornerback **BEN SMITH** of Georgia was ranked the fifth-best defensive back in the country by *The Sporting News* two years ago, and he did nothing

in 1988 to prove the magazine wrong.

Smith racked up 54 tackles despite being hampered by groin and shoulder injuries for most of the season. He led the Bulldogs (for the second straight year) in deflected passes with 11 and had one interception. He was named to the Coaches All-SEC team and was an honorable-mention All-American (AP). He has been called by Georgia coaches "one of our best one-on-one coverage men in recent years."

For new Missouri head coach Bob Stull, the bright spot of the defense has to be cornerback **ADRIAN JONES**. An All-Big Eight pick last year, Jones led the league in interceptions with six, and he was nominated by the Tiger coaching staff as Big Eight Defensive Player of the Week four times (winning the honor for his efforts against Oklahoma in a 16-7 loss).

Before the 1988 season, Jones was tabbed by *The Sporting News* as the nation's sixth-best defensive back, and the same publication named him the best freshman defensive back in 1986 after he became only the second player in Mizzou history to start the season opener as a freshman. He went on to win the Big Eight Defensive Newcomer of the Year award. During the 1987 season, Jones tied All-American Rickey Dixon of Oklahoma for the league lead in deflected passes with 12. He currently holds the Missouri career interception record with 14.

**JESSE CAMPBELL** of North Carolina State played a vital part in last year's 8-3-1 season. Campbell led the Wolfpack in total tackles (86), tackles behind the line (12), fumbles caused (six), interceptions (five) and deflected passes (11). All five of his interceptions came against ACC foes, and he also made a diving theft in the end zone to prevent a score in the Pack's 28-23 Peach Bowl victory over Iowa.

The N.C. State defense was ranked fifth in the nation in scoring defense (limiting opponents to 12.6 points per contest), and Campbell played a major role in that success. Head coach Dick Sheridan will be looking to Campbell for leadership in the secondary.

Nebraska junior strong safety **REGGIE COOPER** established himself as a standout player in 1988, leading a



**Mark Carrier is one of two great safeties at USC.**

senior-dominated secondary in tackles (58), the most for a Husker defensive back since 1981. Cooper earned second-team All-Big Eight honors last year as he racked up eight tackles for losses totaling 35 yards, broke up four passes, recovered two fumbles, hurried the quarterback four times and came up with one interception. Cooper enters fall practice as Nebraska's top returning tackler.

Cooper foreshadowed his efforts for the season in the Kickoff Classic victory over Texas A&M when he collected eight stops. His biggest game came against Oklahoma State as he ravaged the Cowboys for 10 tackles (six of them unassisted).

"Cooper could be the best strong safety to ever play at Nebraska before he is done," says Husker mentor Tom Osborne.

After switching from flanker in 1987, **TODD LYGT** immediately became a factor in the defensive backfield for Notre Dame. This versatile cornerback was named to the AP's honorable-mention All-America team last season as he led the team with nine deflected passes. He made 36 tackles, including six in the Irish's Fiesta Bowl win over West Virginia.

Lyght also made 42 appearances on the Irish special team squads and has 4.41 speed. A testament to his ability is the fact that opposing quarterbacks rarely threw in his vicinity because, according to Lou Holtz, "He is as talented as any defensive back I've ever been around."

In 1987 as a freshman, Lyght played in all 12 games (starting two of them) and made 122 appearances on the Irish special teams. He blocked a punt against Pitt and intercepted a last-minute pass against Michigan State.

Playing free safety in the pass-happy Pacific 10 is never an easy chore, but Arizona State's **NATHAN LADUKE** handles the task quite well.

LaDuke earned honorable-mention All-Pacific 10 honors in 1988 as he led all Sun Devil defensive backs in tackles with 98 (67 solos). In Arizona State's 31-28 victory over Washington, LaDuke recorded 10 stops, deflected a pass, and preserved the win with an interception in the end zone at the end of the con-



**Todd Sandroni of Ole Miss is a top-notch thief.**

test. He had 10 unassisted tackles in the Sun Devil loss to Nebraska. "I don't think there's a better free safety in the league," said head coach Larry Marmie. "If he stays healthy, he can be one of the better defensive backs in the country."

LaDuke was also ASU's leading punt returner, bringing back 20 for 127 yards and a 6.4 average (sixth-best in the Pacific 10). LaDuke's biggest drawback is being in the same league with Colter and Carrier.

Only four starters return from Army's defensive unit that started against Alabama in the John Hancock Sun Bowl last year. One of them is free safety **O'NEAL MILLER**, the second-leading tackler for the 9-3 Cadets with 114 stops. Miller was active in the secondary, picking off four passes (including two against Lafayette) in the regular season and one against the Crimson Tide on Christmas Eve, returning that one 57 yards for a touchdown. Miller also batted down four passes and caused a fumble.

At this time, Miller is recovering from a severe knee injury sustained in spring drills and his status for the 1989 season is questionable.

All of these defensive backs will certainly be in contention for the 1989 Jim Thorpe Award. Whether they are in man-to-man or zone coverage, these 10 players will let few wide receivers fly past them for a touchdown. That's the mark of a solid defender, and that's why they were included in our list. ■

#### **ALL-AMERICAN DEFENSIVE BACK CHECKLIST (in alphabetical order)**

<b>Jesse Campbell</b>	N.C. State	so.
<b>Mark Carrier</b>	Southern Cal	jr.
<b>Cleveland Colter</b>	Southern Cal	sr.
<b>Reggie Cooper</b>	Nebraska	jr.
<b>Adrian Jones</b>	Missouri	sr.
<b>Nathan LaDuke</b>	Arizona St.	jr.
<b>Todd Lyght</b>	Notre Dame	jr.
<b>O'Neal Miller</b>	Army	sr.
<b>Todd Sandroni</b>	Mississippi	jr.
<b>Ben Smith</b>	Georgia	sr.

## ALL-AMERICAN KICKERS

**T**hree seconds left in the game. The ball rests on the 25. Down by two points. The coach calls on his kicker to win the game. We've all seen these situations. The kicker becomes a hero with a good kick or an instant goat if the kick fails. There is a lot of pressure on the kicker, and there will be even more as the 1989 season opens. Kicking tees will no longer be used on field goal attempts. But this year, there is a banner crop of kickers. Whether grass or turf, tee or no tee, they will know how to handle the pressure.

Houston's **ROMAN ANDERSON** entered the kicking scene in a big way last year.

As a freshman, he was a perfect 51 of 51 on PATs and hit 19 of 25 field goals for the 9-3 Cougars. He finished fifth in the nation in scoring and field goals and was tabbed second-team All-America and second-team All-SWC. If it had not been for Arkansas senior kicker Kendall Trainor, Anderson would have received more recognition. He paced the high-scoring Cougars with

108 points (establishing a new SWC record), including the winning margins in victories over Baylor and Texas Tech. He also led the SWC in scoring, posting a 9.82 average per contest. Anderson appears to have a bright future ahead of him in the Astrodome.

While Mike Gundy, Hart Lee Dykes and Barry Sanders were grabbing headlines last year for Oklahoma State, kicking specialist **CARY BLANCHARD** was playing a major role in the Cowboys' high-scoring offense.

He was named All-Big Eight and honorable-mention All-America last year after he connected on an NCAA-record 67 straight PATs. For his career, Blanchard has hit 120 of 123 PATs (all three of the misses occurred in the same game). For his Cowboy career, Blanchard is 23 of 31 in field goal attempts.

Blanchard ended the season second in the Big Eight in scoring per game (behind Sanders) with a 9.09 average and finished No. 10 nationally in scoring with 100 points. Blanchard also handles the OSU punting chores, averaging 37.5 yards per punt in 1988.

**COLLIN MACKIE** of South Carolina is slowly closing in on former Heis-

man Trophy winner George Rogers' career scoring record. Entering the 1989 season, Mackie needs only eight points to surpass Rogers.

Last year, the Gamecock kicker hit 19 of 25 field goal tries and all 25 of his PATs, giving him a career 63 of 63 on extra point efforts. He kicked a career-best 52-yarder against East Carolina and tied a school record when he hit four field goals against Virginia Tech. Mackie had his string of 15 consecutive field goals (also a Gamecock record) snapped at Georgia when he missed from 41 yards out. *Playboy* listed Mackie as a preseason All-American in 1988, and he was named honorable-mention All-America following South Carolina's loss in the Liberty Bowl.

In the SEC, no one has been more consistent than LSU's **DAVID BROWNDYKE**. He has never missed an extra point in his three years at LSU (hitting 80), including 20 last year (the third-longest streak in SEC history). He is also 47 of 61 (77 percent) in field goal attempts, giving him the LSU record for career field goals.

Last season, Browndyke hit a 34-yard field goal with :28 left to beat Alabama 19-18. He also chipped in an extra point in the final seconds to beat Auburn 7-6. He was named All-SEC for his performance last year. He has booted four field goals in a game on four different occasions.

The Big Eight has another All-America candidate in **JEFF SHUDAK**. The Iowa State junior has been named All-Big Eight two consecutive years. Last year, Shudak hit 12 of 17 field goal tries (including 10 of 11 inside the 50). For his Cyclone career, Shudak has connected on 32 of 42 tries. He set the Iowa State freshman record for field goals with 20 in 1987.

Shudak edged out Blanchard (12 to 11) for the Big Eight field goal crown last year, and he finished ninth in the conference in scoring per game with a 5.0 average. Shudak provided the winning margin as the Cyclones nipped Northern Iowa 20-17 to post their first of five wins for the year.

**ALFREDO VELASCO** was a third-team All-America selection last year by *College & Pro Football Newsweekly* after leading the Pacific 10 in scoring with



Iowa State's Jeff Shudak (9) has hit 76 percent of his field goals.

94 points. Since taking over as UCLA's regular placement specialist, Velasco has been successful on 37 of 43 (86 percent) field goal attempts and 91 of 92 PATs (including a current string of 50 in a row). Velasco has not missed from inside 40 yards as a collegian.

Against Oregon, Velasco booted a career-long 53-yarder. He is currently fourth on the UCLA career scoring chart. Last year was his best as he nailed 17 of 19 tries and 43 PATs.

Sophomore **CARLOS HUERTA** of Miami walked on for the Hurricanes, and they are certainly glad he did. He has already set Miami records for field goals in a season (21), points scored (107) and consecutive PATs in a season (44), including seven against Missouri and Cincinnati.

Huerta booted the game-winning field goals against Michigan and Arkansas. He accounted for 14 points in a mud-filled game against LSU and posted double-figure scoring totals in a game seven times during the year. Huerta was named to the AP's All-South Independent squad (second-team) and figures to be in the national spotlight in 1989.

Ohio State's **PAT O'MORROW** led the Buckeyes in scoring last year with 77 points on 18 field goals and 23 PATs. He only missed five field goals, all from 49 yards and beyond. O'Morrow was named honorable-mention All-Big Ten and the Ohio State Outstanding Special Teams Player of the Year.

As a freshman, O'Morrow was tabbed as the starting kicker, but arthroscopic knee surgery sidelined him. He has fully recovered from that injury and will also handle the kickoff chores for the Buckeyes this season.

**JOHN LANGELOH** of Michigan State is another talented kicker in the Big Ten. Last year for the 6-5-1 Spartans, Langeloh hit 18 of 27 field goals and 29 of 30 PATs. Langeloh will enter his junior year as the conference's top returning kick scorer for two consecutive campaigns.

Langeloh finished fourth in Big Ten in scoring with an 8.6 points-per-game average, and head coach George Perles says, "Our kicking game should be very solid with Langeloh coming back."

When the first family of kicking is discussed, the name is Zendejas. **ALAN**



**OSU's Cary Blanchard was America's No. 10 kick-scorer last fall.**

**ZENDEJAS** carries on the tradition for Arizona State.

He led the Sun Devils in scoring last year with 40 points, despite having a down year by Zendejas standards (7 of 14 field goals and 19 of 20 PATs). He kicked a career-long, 49-yarder against Stanford and hit all three first-half attempts against Washington State. He also provided ASU with the winning margin in its victories over the Cougars and Oregon. However, he was outstanding in 1987 when he was named All-Pacific 10 after he was successful on 15 of 19 field goal attempts and 24 of 24 extra points. He also led the Sun Devils in scoring with 75 points.

These 10 kickers will have to deal with the new "tee rule" just as every

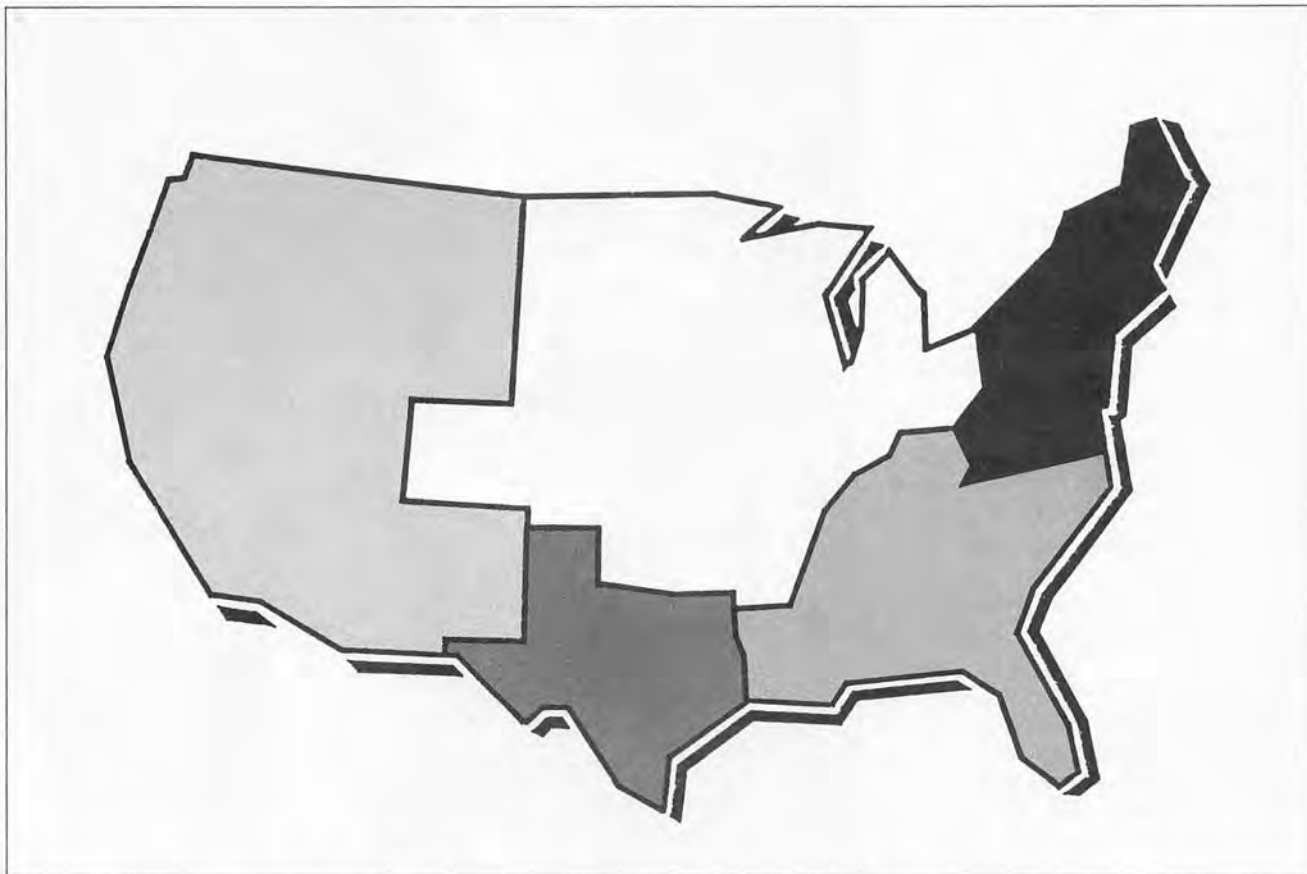
other kicker in the nation will. But if any of them comes near the success without a tee that he achieved with a tee, he will have a great chance of being tabbed as the best at his position. ■

#### **ALL-AMERICAN KICKER CHECKLIST (in alphabetical order)**

<b>Roman Anderson</b>	Houston	so.
<b>Cary Blanchard</b>	Okla. St.	jr.
<b>David Browndyke</b>	LSU	sr.
<b>Carlos Huerta</b>	Miami	so.
<b>John Langeloh</b>	Michigan St.	jr.
<b>Collin Mackie</b>	S. Carolina	jr.
<b>Pat O'Morrow</b>	Ohio State	jr.
<b>Jeff Shudak</b>	Iowa State	jr.
<b>Alfredo Velasco</b>	UCLA	sr.
<b>Alan Zendejas</b>	Arizona St.	sr.

## RECRUITING

By Kevin Henry



# Dust Settles on '89 Signees

Some believe that recruiting is like a crystal ball. They believe you can catch a glimpse of the future by looking at both. Our magazine has formed its own view of what the future may hold by compiling a National Top 30 recruiting list. Our list was created by combining the best guesses of the four most trusted recruiting periodicals: *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report*, *G&W Recruiting Report*, *Max Emfinger's Recruiting Service*, and *Super Prep* magazine. In these publications were the names of 1,775 high school gridsters heading for their various universities. In our system, each time a player was named, he received a point. For example, Rick Mirer was one of the top prep quarterbacks in the nation this year, and Notre Dame won his services. Rick was mentioned in all four publications. Therefore, we awarded four points to the Fighting Irish.

We think you will find that the strong are destined to get stronger, but some teams included in our Top 30 may surprise you.

### No. 1 NOTRE DAME - 89 points

There is no question the Fighting Irish won the recruiting war in our system. Their nearest competitor was 23 points back. But is it any wonder when you start looking at some of their recruits? Lou Holtz signed two of the country's top five quarterbacks (Miran and Jake Kelchner), the best kicker-punter (Craig Hentrich), and William Pollard, Kentucky's top player and a wide receiver who has been clocked running a 10.4 in the 100 meters.

Defensively, the Irish signed Texas' top lineman (Stuart Tyner), Nebraska's highly publicized Junior Bryant and Iowa's star linebacker (Brian Ratigan). The Irish appear to have strengthened them-

selves for the future with this class.

### No. 2 FLORIDA STATE - 66 points

The Seminoles stepped out from behind Miami's shadow with a great recruiting class. Kenny Felder (Florida's top quarterback) and all-everything wide receiver Eric Turrall will make Tallahassee a "bomb zone." When FSU runs the ball, look for big Steve Allen (6-6, 270) to be blowing holes open for Maurice Pinckney, a talented running back from Ft. Myers.

Sterling Palmer and Eric Shaw were considered two of the best defensive linemen in the nation, and Bobby Bowden signed them both. The Seminoles are back on the warpath.

### No. 3 OHIO STATE - 63 points

John Cooper has always been a magician wherever he has coached. He took unheralded Tulsa to a 10-1 record,



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led Arizona State to the Rose Bowl, and has recruited a class that could make Ohio State the Big Ten team to beat in the future. Their best recruits might be defensive linemen Chuck Jones and Alonzo Spellman. Linebacker Tyrone Morrison was considered one of the top three linebackers in the country last year, and he is now a Buckeye.

On offense, Jason Simmons was one of the top three offensive linemen in the nation. Roger Harper has the explosive ability to be a dominant wide receiver in future years. The Big Eight may first see these newcomers when Oklahoma State ventures to Columbus on Sept. 16.

## **No. 4 PENN STATE – 60 points**

Penn State is Linebacker University and this recruiting class won't tarnish that nickname a bit. Richard McKenzie and Reggie Givens look to be future stars for Joe Paterno. Lee Rubin, Shelle Hammonds and Tisen Thomas are three defensive backs who could play soon.

All-American Richard Anderson will be a name to remember. He has the power and speed to make him a great back. Blocking for him will be Derrick Pickett, thought to be one of the best linemen in the East. Penn State is the third independent in our top four schools and definitely deserves to be there.

## **No. 5 NEBRASKA – 56 points**

The Cornhuskers rank very high in this system because they signed a lot of "very good" players even though only a handful would fall into the "great" classification that many recruiting experts use. If recruiting form were to hold true (which it seldom does), one might expect Nebraska to see its class produce a dozen or so All-Big Eight players with only a couple reaping national honors. However, very few of this year's recruits would fall into obscurity. Coach Tom Osborne seems to have landed a contributor with every signing. Most recruiting experts did not rate NU this high because the Huskers did not sign tons of high-profile players who garnered those spectacular first-team national honors. Still, the Big Red of the North scores well here because of its consen-

sus depth.

## **No. 6 CLEMSON – 54 points**

Though rated higher by other recruiting lists, the Tigers finish sixth here. But their class is rich in talent.

Leading the parade is tight end Arthur Bussie and defensive back Eric Geter. These two players will make their presence known in the ACC quickly.

Wide receiver Terry Smith will terrorize defensive backs with his speed, while running back Rudy Harris runs the ball through opposing defenses. Any way you look at it, Clemson strengthened itself with a banner recruiting year.

## **No. 7 (Tie) GEORGIA – 53 points**

The logjam at No. 7 begins with them Dawgs, but Georgia's recruits are anything but dogs. Defensive end Greg Jackson and defensive linemen George Brewer and Willie Jennings will put the bite on opposing running backs, while defensive backs Carlo Butler and Dwayne Grace will punish their opponents on pass patterns. All of the above-mentioned prepsters are in-state players.

Mack Strong possesses the skill and the grades to become an All-SEC running back, while Chad Wilson and Jason Palmer compete for a spot at quarterback. Georgia could rise to the top of the SEC on the strength of these new players.

## **No. 7 (Tie) MIAMI – 53 points**

The archenemy of the Big Eight reloaded with great talent despite losing head coach Jimmy Johnson to the Dallas Cowboys.

All-American linebacker Jessie Armstead and defensive end Damon Bethel will keep the Hurricane defense stockpiled for several years, but Miami's offense gained several high school stars with a lot of potential. Notably, there is quarterback Bryan Fortay (considered one of the best) and Kevin Williams, a wide receiver from Dallas who could easily be the next Michael Irvin. All of this spells future success for Miami.

Beware Missouri. There's a hurricane warning for Columbia on Sept. 23.

## **No. 7 (Tie) UCLA – 53 points**

The Bruins knew the battle for California recruits would be tough, so

they went beyond the state line to capture some quality prep players. Heading the list would have to be quarterbacks Wayne Cook and Tommy Maddox. These two signal-callers appear to have a bright future ahead of them in L.A. On the receiving end of their passes will be wide receivers Mike Moore (the nephew of Ahmad Rashad) and Pat Bates (an all-around fine athlete).

Look for the defense to include lineman Matt Werner and linebackers Garrett Greedy and Carrick O'Quinn in the near future. Things look good for Coach Terry Donahue.

## **No. 7 (Tie) USC – 53 points**

While UCLA journeyed outside California, the Trojans were grabbing some of that state's top talent.

The offensive line was a main concern for USC and they signed five top linemen with the best being Mike Hinz and Terry McDaniels. At tight end, Brad Banta should help considerably. The Trojans may have signed another Rodney Peete by acquiring the services of Curtis Conway.

The defense will be bolstered by the efforts of linebackers Al Aliipule and Junior Moi. Mike Salmon is being projected as a wide receiver, but don't be surprised to see him in the defensive backfield in 1989.

## **No. 11 TEXAS – 52 points**

The Horns definitely hooked some talent from the prep ranks. Grady Cavness is considered by many as one of the top defensive backs in the nation. Another name to remember is that of Winfred Tubbs (6-4, 240, 4.8), who can play defensive end or linebacker.

On offense, running backs Lamel Foreman and Kenny Neal could form the backfield of the future for Texas. Add wide receiver Darrick Duke and you have all the ingredients for an explosive offense.

The Longhorns face Colorado at Boulder on Sept. 4 and meet the Sooners in Dallas on Oct. 14.

## **No. 12 LSU – 48 points**

A recipe for recruiting success is to keep your in-state players from leaving and mix them with a variety of out-of-

state prospects. LSU followed this to perfection during recruiting.

The Tigers picked up two fine quarterbacks in Chad Loup and Brad Strohm. They'll be hooking up with wide receivers Wes Jacob and Scott Ray for some excitement in Cajun country.

Roovelroe Swan is a linebacker who terrorizes opposing quarterbacks. He could be the defensive standout LSU was searching for.

#### **No. 13 MICHIGAN - 46 points**

No. 13 is not unlucky for Bo Schembechler. He brought in some excellent players to help his Wolverines in their quest for a return trip to the Rose Bowl.

The offense will see some fresh faces in the form of quarterback Doug Musgrave, tight end Tony McGee and running back Burnie Legette. Any of these three could be All-Americans some day. Look for Mike Lewis to solidify the Wolverine offensive line.

Eric Graves and Marc Milia could see playing time next year on the defensive line while defensive back Joel Blankenship makes his presence felt in the secondary. Bo and his boys are ready for the Big Ten.

#### **No. 14 STANFORD - 42 points**

Though obscured by USC and UCLA in many cases, Stanford is ready to begin building for the future. The foundation includes quarterback John Lynch (some say he resembles former Cardinal John Elway) and All-American kicker Paul Stonehouse. On the offensive line, Stanford signed the nation's best in Bob Whitfield. A sleeper on the line could be Glen Cavanaugh from Spokane, Wash.

Stanford also got defensive lineman Dinny Hansen (also from Spokane). This was quite an accomplishment considering Washington was recruiting him heavily. Stanford grabbed some good players and should prove successful in future Pacific 10 races.

#### **No. 15 AUBURN - 40 points**

Auburn lost the recruiting battle in Alabama but won the war in our poll.

Running back Electron Williams lives up to his name by shocking the defense with his speed. Wide receiver Pedro Cherry is considered one of the best at

his position. All-American defensive end Ricky Sutton may be called on to switch to tight end for the Tigers.

Adrian Jackson is the defensive end of the future for Auburn. He may see some playing time this season. On the other side might be Danny Ledbetter (from Norman, Okla.). Both of these players appear to have good things in store for them at Auburn.

#### **No. 16 (Tie) PITT - 39 points**

Searching the junior colleges was Pitt's strategy and it paid off for them. They signed the top tight end (Lionel Sykes), defensive end (Mark Gunn), defensive lineman (John Baker) and punter (Brian Greenfield). Wow!

From the prep ranks, the Panthers grabbed Sean Gilbert and Keith Hamilton for their defensive line. Gary Clayton could fill a void at quarterback while Jimmer Bundy (6-0, 245) is being called the next Ironhead Heyward. Combine them with cornerback Vernon Lewis and the Panthers have put together a great class.

#### **No. 16 (Tie) TENNESSEE - 39 points**

The Volunteers were ranked lower in other publications, but their class is filled with talent and potential.

Johnny Majors signed four quarterbacks, including Orion McCants of Zephyrhill, Fla. Also in that group is Lloyd Kerr, but expect him to be moved to the defensive backfield. Joining Kerr in the secondary will be Derric Evans from Dallas. These two could play right away.

Other players to watch are linebacker Todd Kelly (he runs a 10.9 in the 100 meters) and fullback Dewayne Dotson. Dotson can literally run people over with his speed and size. The SEC will only get stronger as the years progress.

#### **No. 18 (Tie) ALABAMA - 38 points**

The Crimson Tide rolled over the competition in getting Alabama's future stars. Some criticize Alabama for not signing the dream quarterback they needed, but we beg to differ. Ray Stanton could surprise some people with his signal-calling ability. Behind him in the backfield will be Junior Sewell, a fullback who possesses speed and strength.

At linebacker, Antonio London could

be the next Cornelius Bennett for Coach Bill Curry. Rod Bradford did not get the publicity London did, but he could be a key in the Tide's defense of the future. Defensive back Efrum Thomas came from the junior college ranks to help Bama back to the top of the SEC.

#### **No. 18 (Tie) COLORADO - 38 points**

Bill McCartney wanted to prove that he could recruit players as well as the traditional Big Eight powers could. He accomplished his task this year.

Defensive linemen Tamasi Amituanai, Marcellous Elder and Leonard Renfro give the Buffaloes a terrific trio up front, while Rich Fisher will back them up from his linebacking spot.

Running back James Hill is one of the best recruits in the Big Eight, and quarterback Ronnie Woolfork could be a star of the future for the Buffs. The black and gold surprised some people with its success, and this class could hold some surprises for the Big Eight.

#### **No. 20 (Tie) IOWA - 37 points**

The Hawkeyes of Hayden Fry did quite well recruiting players from the Midwest. While fighting off the Big Eight and other Big Ten schools, Iowa latched on to Ernest Crank (the best running back in Illinois) and wide receiver Jeff Anttila, who could be destined for greatness.

In Iowa, the Hawkeyes signed quarterbacks Jason Olezniczak and Paul Burmeister. Either of these quarterbacks could see playing time very soon. Defensively, Mike Dailey could be a pleasant surprise for Iowa.

The Hawkeyes resume their cross-state rivalry with Iowa State in Ames on Sept. 23.

#### **No. 20 (Tie) WEST VIRGINIA - 37 points**

After almost winning it all last season, the Mountaineers recruited some athletes who could keep them a national power for some years to come. To back up Major Harris, West Virginia signed Al Johnson to add depth to the quarterback spot. James Jett lives up to his name by flying down the field on pass patterns.

Linebackers Doug Costin, Mike Booth, plus defensive lineman James

Spear give West Virginia a promising defense, while defensive back Ed Hill could surprise people with his ability. West Virginia kept its stars in-state and it will pay off for the Mountaineers in later years.

### No. 22 (Tie) NORTH CAROLINA - 34 points

The Tarheels are another surprise in our Top 30, but they gathered the talent they needed to get here.

Dean Smith may have to share the spotlight with football coach Mack Brown. Quarterback Chuckie Burnette

and wide receiver Julius Reese may be the best tandem in the South in future seasons. The offensive line will get help from Shawn Hocker and Scott Falise. Both of them could see action this year.

Rick Steinbacher and John Braswell join the linebacking corps and could help them immediately. Tom Thigpen is another linebacker with great potential. North Carolina is building itself into a contender for the ACC title.

### No. 22 (Tie) OKLAHOMA - 34 points

The Sooners' recruiting class was generally ranked in this area by all the

recruiting experts; some listed them higher and some lower, but just barely in either case. After generally being rated in the top five over the past three years, OU drops in 1989 because of a perceived lack of depth. Certainly, Coach Barry Switzer got some truly "great" recruiting names, anywhere from four to eight, depending on the newsletter services' opinions. One thing that has kept OU out of the Top 20 in this consensus scoring system is that many experts just don't agree on the quality of Sooner recruits who have not received much publicity. Also, OU was

## PICK YOUR OWN NATIONAL CHAMPION

### G & W REPORT

1. Notre Dame
2. Florida State
3. Clemson
4. Ohio State
5. Michigan
6. Miami
7. Georgia
8. Texas
9. UCLA
10. Penn State
11. USC
12. Auburn
13. Stanford
14. Nebraska
15. Colorado
16. Pitt
17. LSU
18. N. Carolina
19. W. Virginia
20. Arizona
21. Alabama
22. Oklahoma
23. Iowa
24. Tennessee
25. Baylor

### PREP FOOTBALL REPORT

1. Notre Dame
2. Clemson
3. Florida State
4. Ohio State
5. Miami
6. UCLA
7. USC
8. Michigan
9. Texas
10. Pitt
11. Penn State
12. Georgia
13. Nebraska
14. Stanford
15. Colorado
16. LSU
17. Auburn
18. Michigan State
19. Alabama
20. N. Carolina
21. Iowa
22. Indiana
23. W. Virginia
24. Boston College
25. Virginia
- (tie) Oklahoma

### SUPER PREP

1. Notre Dame
2. Florida State
3. Texas
4. USC
5. Michigan
6. Clemson
7. UCLA
8. Ohio State
9. Miami
10. Penn State
11. Georgia
12. Nebraska
13. LSU
14. Stanford
15. N. Carolina
16. Baylor
17. Auburn
18. Iowa
19. Colorado
20. Pitt
21. Michigan State
22. Arkansas
23. Virginia
24. Tennessee
25. Oklahoma

### MAX EMFINGER

1. Florida State
2. Notre Dame
3. Miami
4. Ohio State
5. Auburn
- (tie) Clemson
7. Texas
8. Michigan
9. Georgia
10. UCLA
11. LSU
- (tie) Nebraska

limited in the number of scholarships it could offer and even signed fewer than that: 15 preps inked and a trio of grants were left for any late juco transfers or special cases.

#### **No. 24 (Tie) ARKANSAS - 30 points**

After coming off an impressive 1988 campaign, the Razorbacks find themselves reloaded with a good group of fresh faces.

Running backs Ron Dickerson, Darwin Ireland and Derrick Taylor could add some punch to the Razorback offense. Fullback Chris McGaughey will drive through the middle for the extra yards when Arkansas needs them.

Defensive lineman Tommy Jones could be the next Tony Cherico for Ken Hatfield's club. Shannon Wright could be an All-SWC performer at linebacker.

Their conference may be down, but Arkansas is going nowhere but up.

#### **No. 24 (Tie) MICHIGAN STATE - 30 points**

The Big Ten is loaded with talent, and Michigan State is certainly no exception. The Spartans grabbed hard-hitting defensive backs Corey Keyes and Ty Hallock to give them a solid secondary. Also helping on defense will be linemen Mike Oswald and Bobby Wilson. They could be impact players as early as next season.

Quarterback Jim Miller is expected to inherit the quarterbacking job in the near future. A sleeper on offense could be tight end Rob Fredrickson. He has the size and speed to become a great player. These players will help Michigan State's efforts to gain a Rose Bowl berth.

#### **No. 26 ILLINOIS - 27 points**

The Fighting Illini will be fighting for the Big Ten crown if their recruits perform as expected. Steve Feagin and Wagner Lester are two running backs who could become All-Big Ten performers. Blocking for them will be Eric Foggy and Greg Engel. Quarterback Duke Tobin has the scrambling ability to get out of messes that Houdini never thought possible.

Defensive tackle David Hill and defensive end Mike Cole are looking for playing time in the next couple of years

for Illinois. Filmel Johnson will combine hard hitting with speed to make him a force at safety. Illinois travels to Boulder for a Sept. 16 game against the Buffs.

#### **No. 27 FLORIDA - 25 points**

The third of the Florida powerhouses comes in at No. 27, but that does not mean they did not recruit some fine players. Tight end Greg Keller could be the star of the recruiting class. At 6-5, 235, he is the kind of target that every quarterback loves to throw to on third down. Speaking of quarterbacks, Florida got a dandy in Donald Douglas. When Keller is covered, Douglas will go to Henry Haston, a wide receiver with great potential.

The Gator defense will benefit from players like linebackers Darren Mickell and Wallace Toomer. Both of these players have the speed to chase down ball carriers and the strength to punish fullbacks. The sun seems to be shining a little brighter this year in the Sunshine State.

#### **No. 28 (Tie) ARIZONA - 23 points**

Oklahoma flies to Tucson for a game with the Wildcats on Sept. 16. When the Sooners play Arizona, they may see some faces that were not in Norman last year.

Derek Hankins is a linebacker who many say will be one of the best in the Pacific 10 in the next few years. Wide receiver Anthony Bonifazio can be compared to Hart Lee Dykes: throw the ball near him and he will make the catch. Errol Sapp is a running back from Carson, Calif., who could contribute quickly to the Wildcat cause. Quarterback Billy Owens could also be playing by 1990.

A spring of talent is flowing in the Arizona desert.

#### **No. 28 (Tie) BOSTON COLLEGE - 23 points**

On the other side of the U.S., the Eagles pieced together a good class from Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey. One family made Boston College quite happy when both of the Campbell brothers signed with B.C. Carlton is a linebacker who has great range to go with his tackling abilities. Darnell is a

running back who has the speed to break a long run anytime he touches the ball.

Glen Foley is the quarterback of the future for Boston College, and offensive tackle Ted Page will give him plenty of time to throw the football. Bill Norcross is a tight end with good speed and great hands.

#### **No. 28 (Tie) VIRGINIA - 23 points**

Yes, Virginia, you did have a fine recruiting year.

Running back Terry Kirby of Tabb, Va., is the Cavaliers' most publicized recruit in many years. People around Virginia feel that Kirby will play quite a bit as a freshman. His teammate in Tabb was linebacker Chris Slade, who followed Kirby to Cavalier country. Slade is expected to possibly start for Virginia this year.

Two good prospects on the offensive line are Mark Dixon and Bill Edwards. These two players are big, but they have the speed and agility to be very effective pass blockers.

The ACC could see Virginia moving its way up the ladder toward a conference championship in the next couple of years.

There were quite a few "close but no cigar" teams that almost made our poll. Among them were Missouri (22 points), Syracuse (21), Arizona State (20), Washington (20), Indiana (20), South Carolina (20), and Texas A&M (20).

In looking at how the individual conferences did, the SEC had six teams represented. Following the SEC were the Big Ten (five), the Pacific 10 (four), the Big Eight (three), the ACC (three), and the SWC (two).

Keep in mind that this list is only a guesstimation. Who knows what will happen in the next several years? Notre Dame's class of 1989 may falter and Boston College's group may rise to the top. That's the beauty of college football. One or two players can make the difference in a team being the national champion or an "also ran." Which one of these players will be the next Herschel Walker, Jim McMahon or Cornelius Bennett? That's one question our crystal ball won't answer. Only time will. ■

# 1988 NCAA RECAP

## FINAL TEAM STATS

### OFFENSE

#### RUSHING

	Car	Yds	GAvg	TOTAL
1. Nebraska	735	4588	382.3	1. Utah
2. Air Force	734	4530	377.5	2. Oklahoma St.
3. Army	786	3815	346.8	3. Washington St.
4. Oklahoma	668	3777	343.4	4. Houston
5. Oklahoma St.	559	3417	310.6	5. W. Virginia
6. W. Virginia	621	3228	293.5	6. Wyoming
7. Colorado	614	3095	281.4	7. Nebraska
8. Kent St.	624	3073	279.4	8. Duke
9. Clemson	625	3054	277.6	9. Southern Cal
10. Texas A&M	653	3102	258.5	10. Brigham Young
11. Notre Dame	593	2838	258.0	11. Air Force
12. Michigan	585	2823	256.6	12. Miami, Fla.
13. Pittsburgh	559	2785	253.2	13. UCLA
14. Georgia	547	2778	252.5	14. Florida St.
15. Indiana	581	2778	252.5	15. Auburn

#### PASSING

	Att	Com	Yds	GAvg	SCORING
1. Utah	543	327	4355	395.9	1. Oklahoma St.
2. Houston	580	344	4153	377.5	2. W. Virginia
3. Duke	496	292	3868	351.6	3. Wyoming
4. Brigham Young	475	258	3874	322.8	4. Houston
5. Miami, Fla.	441	260	3503	318.5	5. Florida St.
6. Utah St.	455	248	3278	298.0	6. Nebraska
7. Iowa	419	260	3324	277.0	7. Utah
8. Texas Tech	364	194	2917	265.2	8. Miami, Fla.
9. Oregon St.	445	275	2896	263.3	9. UTEP
10. W. Michigan	397	221	2863	260.3	10. Washington St.
11. Washington St.	305	202	2836	257.8	11. Air Force
12. San Jose St.	411	245	3065	255.4	12. UCLA
13. Wyoming	390	220	3037	253.1	13. Brigham Young
14. Tulsa	403	198	2743	249.4	14. Indiana
15. Southern Cal	347	214	2717	247.0	15. Notre Dame

### DEFENSE

#### RUSHING

	Car	Yds	GAvg	TOTAL	Plays	Yds	GAvg
1. Auburn	334	695	63.2	1. Auburn	666	2399	218.1
2. Southern Cal	313	843	76.6	2. Miami, Fla.	726	2662	242.0
3. Miami, Fla.	419	908	82.5	3. Florida	710	2726	247.8
4. Arkansas	394	1010	91.8	4. Pittsburgh	697	2796	254.2
5. Alabama	401	1053	95.7	5. Baylor	686	2835	257.7
6. N. Carolina St.	451	1140	103.6	6. Ball St.	664	2887	262.5
7. C. Michigan	441	1165	105.9	7. Nebraska	743	3153	262.8
8. UCLA	416	1173	106.6	8. N. Carolina St.	783	2907	264.3
9. Wyoming	437	1314	109.5	9. Fresno St.	738	2909	264.5
10. Notre Dame	403	1236	112.4	10. Southern Cal	655	2958	268.9
11. Ball St.	398	1237	112.5	11. C. Michigan	735	3012	273.8
12. Michigan St.	398	1241	112.8	12. Clemson	721	3075	279.5
13. Louisiana St.	390	1260	114.5	13. Notre Dame	723	3083	280.3
14. Clemson	401	1278	116.2	14. Texas A&M	840	3372	281.0
15. Fresno St.	417	1279	116.3	15. Georgia Tech	736	3094	281.3

#### PASSING

	Att	Com	Yds	GAvg	SCORING
1. Baylor	237	97	1296	117.8	1. Auburn
2. Pittsburgh	208	87	1308	118.9	2. Miami, Fla.
3. Florida	254	121	1360	123.6	3. Notre Dame
4. Purdue	232	93	1430	130.0	4. Fresno St.
5. Florida St.	278	110	1443	131.2	5. N. Carolina St.
6. Nebraska	282	123	1618	134.8	6. Michigan St.
7. Navy	212	105	1484	134.9	7. Oklahoma
8. Georgia Tech	252	129	1528	138.9	8. Clemson
9. E. Michigan	212	124	1395	139.5	9. Michigan
10. Kentucky	250	134	1535	139.5	10. Alabama
11. Syracuse	274	135	1570	142.7	11. Southern Cal
12. Washington	279	136	1580	143.6	12. Florida St.
13. W. Virginia	315	134	1622	147.5	13. Nebraska
14. Iowa St.	234	128	1627	147.9	14. Ball St.

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

### RUSHING

Player, School	Car	Yds	Avg	GAvg
1. Sanders, Okla. St.	342	2553	7.5	232.0
2. Lewis, Texas A&M	306	1692	5.5	153.8
3. Thompson, Ind.	329	1546	4.7	140.5
4. Boles, Michigan	248	1359	5.5	135.9
5. Clark, Nebraska	232	1497	6.5	124.7
6. Bieniemy, Colorado	219	1243	5.7	124.3
7. Ezor, Michigan St.	290	1358	4.7	123.4
8. Wilkerson, Kent St.	247	1325	5.4	120.4
9. Broussard, Wash. St.	189	1141	6.0	114.1
10. Riley, C. Michigan	215	1238	5.8	112.5
11. Richards, Pittsburgh	207	1228	5.9	111.6
12. Worley, Georgia	191	1216	6.4	110.5
13. E. Smith, Florida	187	988	5.3	109.7
14. Martin, N. Carolina	193	1146	5.9	104.1
15. T. Allen, Clemson	199	1139	5.7	103.5
16. Mayweather, Army	190	1021	5.4	102.1
17. Johnson, San Jose	233	1219	5.2	101.5
18. K. Jones, Illinois	206	1108	5.4	100.7
19. Loville, Oregon	265	1202	4.5	100.1
20. Sanders, NW	264	1062	4.0	96.5

### PASSING

Player, School	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Rtng
1. Rosenbach, Wash St.	302	199	2791	23	162.0
2. Gundy, Okla St.	238	155	2238	19	160.4
3. Ferguson, Florida St.	194	122	1714	16	153.0
4. Aikman, UCLA	327	209	2599	23	149.0
5. Philcox, Syracuse	234	141	2076	16	147.9
6. Walsh, Miami, Fla.	390	233	3115	29	145.2
7. Jones, Hawaii	259	138	2268	19	142.6
8. Mitchell, Utah	533	323	4322	29	141.0
9. Welniak, Wyoming	324	184	2627	21	140.7
10. Peete, Southern Cal	338	208	2654	18	139.2
11. Hartlieb, Iowa	409	258	3310	14	138.0
12. Ware, Houston	356	212	2507	25	137.4
13. Dacus, Houston	212	123	1597	13	134.9
14. Dilweg, Duke	484	287	3824	24	134.6
15. Elkins, Wake Forest	280	165	2205	14	134.4
16. Tolliver, Texas Tech	354	190	2869	20	134.2
17. Baker, Temple	193	101	1540	15	133.6
18. Lutz, San Jose	321	199	2547	16	133.3
19. Kimbrough, W. Mich	324	186	2465	19	132.0
20. Montgomery, N.C. St.	198	123	1522	8	131.9

### RECEIVING

Player, School	G	Rec	Yds	GAvg
1. Phillips, Houston	11	108	1444	9.8
2. Dixon, Houston	11	102	1103	9.2
3. Mitchell, Vanderbilt	11	78	1213	7.0
4. Dykes, Okla St.	11	74	1278	6.7
5. Boone, Duke	11	73	630	6.6
6. Waddle, Boston Col.	11	70	902	6.3
7. Washington, Kan. St.	11	69	928	6.2
8. Hines, Duke	11	68	1067	6.1
9. Cook, Iowa	9	55	645	6.1
10. Evans, San Jose	10	61	887	6.1
11. Smith, Utah St.	11	65	1196	5.9
12. Harry, Utah	11	65	1145	5.9
13. Thomas, Oregon St.	10	58	763	5.8
14. Affholter, USC	11	63	896	5.7
15. Farr, UCLA	11	62	652	5.6
16. Gilbreath, S.D. St.	11	60	799	5.4
17. Cutler, BYU	12	64	1039	5.3
18. Woods, Tennessee	11	58	689	5.2
19. Gary, Miami, Fla.	11	57	655	5.1
20. Johnson, San Jose	12	61	668	5.0

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### BIG EIGHT

School	Conference W L T	All Games W L T
Nebraska	7 0 0	11 2 0
Oklahoma	6 1 0	9 3 0
Okla. St.	5 2 0	10 2 0
Colorado	4 3 0	8 4 0
Iowa St.	3 4 0	5 6 0
Missouri	2 5 0	3 7 1
Kansas	1 6 0	1 10 0
Kansas St.	0 7 0	0 11 0

### ACC

School	Conference W L T	All Games W L T
Clemson	6 1 0	10 2 0
Virginia	5 2 0	7 4 0
NC State	4 2 1	8 3 1
Wake Forest	4 3 0	6 4 1
Maryland	4 3 0	5 6 0
Duke	3 3 1	7 3 1
N. Carolina	1 6 0	1 10 0
Georgia Tech	0 7 0	3 8 0

### BIG TEN

School	Conference W L T	All Games W L T
Michigan	7 0 1	9 2 1
Michigan St.	6 1 1	6 5 1
Iowa	4 1 3	6 4 3
Illinois	5 2 1	6 5 1
Indiana	5 3 0	8 3 1
Purdue	3 5 0	4 7 0
Ohio St.	2 5 1	4 6 1
Northwestern	2 5 1	2 8 1
Minnesota	0 6 2	2 7 2
Wisconsin	1 7 0	1 10 0

### PAC-10

School	Conference W L T	All Games W L T
Southern Cal	8 0 0	10 2 0
UCLA	6 2 0	10 2 0
Wash. St.	5 3 0	9 3 0
Arizona	5 3 0	7 4 0
Arizona St.	3 4 0	6 5 0
Washington	3 5 0	6 5 0
Oregon	3 5 0	6 6 0
Oregon St.	2 5 1	4 6 1
Stanford	1 5 2	3 6 2
California	1 5 1	5 5 1

### SWC

School	Conference W L T	All Games W L T
Arkansas	7 0 0	10 2 0
Texas A&M	6 1 0	7 5 0
Houston	5 2 0	9 3 0
Texas Tech	4 3 0	5 6 0
Baylor	2 5 0	6 5 0
Texas	2 5 0	4 7 0
TCU	2 5 0	4 7 0
Rice	0 7 0	0 11 0

### WAC

School	Conference W L T	All Games W L T
Wyoming	8 0 0	11 2 0
Texas-El Paso	6 2 0	10 3 0
Brig. Young	5 3 0	9 4 0
Hawaii	5 3 0	8 3 0
Utah	4 4 0	6 5 0
Air Force	3 5 0	5 7 0
San Diego St.	3 5 0	3 8 0
New Mexico	1 7 0	2 10 0
Colorado St.	1 7 0	1 10 0

### SEC

School	Conference W L T	All Games W L T
Auburn	6 1 0	10 2 0
LSU	6 1 0	8 4 0
Georgia	5 2 0	9 3 0
Alabama	4 3 0	9 3 0
Florida	4 3 0	7 5 0
Mississippi	3 4 0	5 6 0
Tennessee	3 4 0	5 6 0
Kentucky	2 5 0	5 6 0
Vanderbilt	2 5 0	3 8 0
Mississippi St.	0 7 0	1 10 0

## 1989 BOWL PREVIEW

BOWL	DATE	BOWL	DATE	BOWL	DATE
California	Dec. 9	Freedom	Dec. 29 or 30	Citrus	Jan. 1
Independence	Dec. 16	Peach	Dec. 30	Sugar	Jan. 1
All-American	Dec. 28	Sun	Dec. 30	Rose	Jan. 1
Aloha	Dec. 25	Gator	Dec. 30	Cotton	Jan. 1
Holiday	Dec. 29	Bluebonnet	Dec. 31	Orange	Jan. 1
Liberty	Dec. 28	Hall of Fame	Jan. 1		

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# 1989 MAJOR COLLEGE SCHEDULES

## (WITH 1988 RECORDS)

### ACC

#### CLEMSON (10-2)

S. 2 Furman  
S. 9 at Florida St.  
S. 16 at Virginia Tech  
S. 23 Maryland  
S. 30 at Duke  
O. 7 Virginia  
O. 14 Georgia Tech  
O. 21 N.C. State  
O. 28 Wake Forest  
N. 4 at N. Carolina  
N. 18 at S. Carolina

#### DUKE (7-3-1)

S. 2 at S. Carolina  
S. 9 Northwestern  
S. 16 at Tennessee  
S. 23 at Virginia  
S. 30 Clemson  
O. 7 Army  
O. 21 at Maryland  
O. 28 Georgia Tech  
N. 4 at Wake Forest  
N. 11 N.C. State  
N. 18 at N. Carolina

#### GEORGIA TECH (3-8)

S. 9 at N.C. State  
S. 16 Virginia  
S. 23 at S. Carolina  
O. 7 Maryland  
O. 14 at Clemson  
O. 21 N. Carolina  
O. 28 at Duke  
N. 4 W. Carolina  
N. 18 Wake Forest  
N. 25 Boston Col.  
D. 2 Georgia

#### MARYLAND (5-6)

S. 2 at N.C. State  
S. 9 West Virginia  
S. 16 W. Michigan  
S. 23 at Clemson  
S. 30 at Michigan  
O. 7 at Georgia Tech  
O. 14 at Wake Forest  
O. 21 Duke  
O. 28 N. Carolina  
N. 11 Penn St.  
N. 18 Virginia

#### N. CAROLINA (1-10)

S. 9 VMI  
S. 16 at Kentucky  
S. 23 N.C. State  
S. 30 Navy  
O. 7 Wake Forest  
O. 14 at Virginia  
O. 21 at Georgia Tech  
O. 28 at Maryland  
N. 4 Clemson  
N. 11 S. Carolina  
N. 18 Duke

### N.C. STATE (8-3-1)

S. 2 Maryland  
S. 9 Georgia Tech  
S. 16 at Wake Forest  
S. 23 at N. Carolina  
S. 30 Kent St.  
O. 7 M. Tennessee St.  
O. 21 at Clemson  
O. 28 at S. Carolina  
N. 4 Virginia  
N. 11 at Duke  
N. 18 Virginia Tech

### VIRGINIA (7-4)

A. 31 Notre Dame\*  
S. 2 William & Mary  
S. 9 at Penn St.  
S. 16 at Georgia Tech  
S. 23 Duke  
O. 7 at Clemson  
O. 14 N. Carolina  
O. 21 Wake Forest  
O. 28 Louisville  
N. 4 at N.C. State  
N. 11 Virginia Tech  
N. 18 at Maryland  
\*Kickoff Classic

### WAKE FOREST (6-4-1)

S. 9 Appalachian St.  
S. 16 N.C. State  
S. 23 at Army  
S. 30 Rice  
O. 7 at N. Carolina  
O. 14 Maryland  
O. 21 at Virginia  
O. 28 at Clemson  
N. 4 Duke  
N. 11 Tulsa  
N. 18 at Georgia Tech

### BIG TEN

#### ILLINOIS (6-5-1)

S. 2 USC\*  
S. 16 at Colorado  
S. 23 Utah St.  
O. 7 Ohio St.  
O. 14 at Purdue  
O. 21 at Michigan St.  
O. 28 Wisconsin  
N. 4 at Iowa  
N. 11 Michigan  
N. 18 Indiana  
N. 25 at Northwestern  
\*at Moscow, U.S.S.R.

#### INDIANA (8-3-1)

S. 9 at Kentucky  
S. 16 Missouri  
S. 30 Toledo  
O. 7 Northwestern  
O. 14 at Ohio St.  
O. 21 Minnesota  
O. 28 at Michigan  
N. 4 Michigan St.  
N. 11 at Wisconsin  
N. 18 at Illinois  
N. 25 Purdue

### IOWA (6-4-3)

S. 16 Oregon  
S. 23 at Iowa St.  
S. 30 Tulsa  
O. 7 Michigan St.  
O. 14 at Wisconsin  
O. 21 Michigan  
O. 28 at Northwestern  
N. 4 Illinois  
N. 11 at Ohio St.  
N. 18 at Purdue  
N. 25 Minnesota

### MICHIGAN (9-2-1)

S. 16 Notre Dame  
S. 23 at UCLA  
S. 30 Maryland  
O. 7 Wisconsin  
O. 14 at Michigan St.  
O. 21 at Iowa  
O. 28 Indiana  
N. 4 Purdue  
N. 11 at Illinois  
N. 18 at Minnesota  
N. 25 Ohio St.

### MICHIGAN ST. (6-5-1)

S. 16 Miami (O.)  
S. 23 at Notre Dame  
S. 30 Miami (Fla.)  
O. 7 at Iowa  
O. 14 Michigan  
O. 21 Illinois  
O. 28 at Purdue  
N. 4 at Indiana  
N. 11 Minnesota  
N. 18 Northwestern  
N. 25 at Wisconsin

### MINNESOTA (2-7-2)

S. 16 at Iowa St.  
S. 23 Nebraska  
S. 30 Indiana St.  
O. 7 Purdue  
O. 14 at Northwestern  
O. 21 at Indiana  
O. 28 Ohio St.  
N. 4 Wisconsin  
N. 11 at Michigan St.  
N. 18 Michigan  
N. 25 at Iowa

### NORTHWESTERN (2-8-1)

S. 9 at Duke  
S. 16 Air Force  
S. 23 Rutgers  
O. 7 at Indiana  
O. 14 Minnesota  
O. 21 at Wisconsin  
O. 28 Iowa  
N. 4 Ohio St.  
N. 11 at Purdue  
N. 18 at Michigan St.  
N. 25 Illinois

### OHIO ST. (4-6-1)

S. 16 Oklahoma St.  
O. 23 at USC  
S. 30 Boston Col.  
O. 7 at Illinois  
O. 14 Indiana  
O. 21 Purdue  
O. 28 at Minnesota  
N. 4 at Northwestern  
N. 11 Iowa  
N. 18 Wisconsin  
N. 25 at Michigan

### PURDUE (4-7)

S. 9 Miami (O.)  
S. 16 at Washington  
S. 30 at Notre Dame  
O. 7 at Minnesota  
O. 14 Illinois  
O. 21 at Ohio St.  
O. 28 Michigan St.  
N. 4 at Michigan  
N. 11 Northwestern  
N. 18 Iowa  
N. 25 at Indiana

### WISCONSIN (1-10)

S. 9 Miami (Fla.)  
S. 16 Toledo  
S. 23 at California  
O. 7 at Michigan  
O. 14 Iowa  
O. 21 Northwestern  
O. 28 at Illinois  
N. 4 at Minnesota  
N. 11 Indiana  
N. 18 at Ohio St.  
N. 25 Michigan St.

### PAC-10

#### ARIZONA (7-4)

S. 2 Stanford  
S. 9 at Texas Tech  
S. 16 Oklahoma  
S. 23 Washington  
S. 30 at Oregon  
O. 14 UCLA  
O. 21 at Washington St.  
O. 28 Pacific  
N. 4 at California  
N. 11 USC  
N. 25 at Arizona St.

#### ARIZONA ST. (6-5)

S. 9 Kansas St.  
S. 16 San Jose St.  
S. 23 at Houston  
S. 30 Missouri  
O. 7 at UCLA  
O. 14 Oregon St.  
O. 21 Oregon  
O. 28 Washington St.  
N. 4 at Washington  
N. 11 Stanford  
N. 25 Arizona

### CALIFORNIA (5-5-1)

S. 9 at Oregon  
S. 16 at Miami (Fla.)  
S. 23 Wisconsin  
S. 30 at UCLA  
O. 7 San Jose St.  
O. 14 USC  
O. 21 Washington  
O. 28 Oregon St.  
N. 4 Arizona  
N. 11 Washington St.  
N. 18 at Stanford

### OREGON (6-6)

S. 9 California  
S. 16 at Iowa  
S. 23 at Stanford  
S. 30 Arizona  
O. 7 Washington St.  
O. 14 at Washington  
O. 21 at Arizona St.  
O. 28 Long Beach St.  
N. 4 at BYU  
N. 11 at UCLA  
N. 18 Oregon St.

### OREGON ST. (4-6-1)

S. 9 Stanford  
S. 16 at Washington St.  
S. 23 at Boise St.  
S. 30 at Nebraska  
O. 7 at Fresno St.  
O. 14 Arizona St.  
O. 21 UCLA  
O. 28 at California  
N. 4 at USC  
N. 11 Washington  
N. 18 at Oregon

### STANFORD (3-6-2)

S. 2 at Arizona  
S. 9 at Oregon St.  
S. 23 Oregon  
S. 30 San Jose St.  
O. 7 Notre Dame  
O. 14 at Washington St.  
O. 21 Utah  
O. 28 at USC  
N. 4 UCLA  
N. 11 at Arizona St.  
N. 18 California

### UCLA (10-2)

S. 9 Tennessee  
S. 16 at San Diego St.  
S. 23 Michigan  
S. 30 California  
O. 7 Arizona St.  
O. 14 at Arizona  
O. 21 at Oregon St.  
O. 28 Washington  
N. 4 at Stanford  
N. 11 Oregon  
N. 18 at USC

### USC (10-2)

S. 2 Illinois\*  
S. 9 Ohio St.  
S. 16 Utah St.  
S. 30 at Washington St.  
O. 7 Washington  
O. 14 at California  
O. 21 at Notre Dame  
O. 28 Stanford  
N. 4 Oregon St.  
N. 11 at Arizona  
N. 18 UCLA  
\*at Moscow, U.S.S.R.

### WASHINGTON (6-5)

S. 9 Texas A&M  
S. 16 Purdue  
S. 23 at Arizona  
S. 30 Colorado  
O. 7 at USC  
O. 14 Oregon  
O. 21 at California  
O. 28 at UCLA  
N. 4 Arizona St.  
N. 11 Oregon St.  
N. 18 Washington St.

### WASHINGTON ST. (9-3)

S. 2 Idaho  
S. 7 at BYU  
S. 16 Oregon St.  
S. 23 at Wyoming  
S. 30 USC  
O. 7 at Oregon  
O. 14 Stanford  
O. 21 Arizona  
O. 28 at Arizona St.  
N. 11 at California  
N. 18 at Washington

### SEC

#### ALABAMA (9-3)

S. 16 Memphis St.  
S. 23 Kentucky  
S. 30 at Vanderbilt  
O. 7 at Mississippi  
O. 14 SW Louisiana  
O. 21 Tennessee  
O. 28 at Penn St.  
N. 4 Mississippi St.  
N. 11 at LSU  
N. 18 S. Mississippi  
D. 2 at Auburn

#### AUBURN (10-2)

S. 9 Pacific  
S. 16 S. Mississippi  
S. 30 at Tennessee  
O. 7 at Kentucky  
O. 14 LSU  
O. 21 at Florida St.  
O. 28 Mississippi St.  
N. 4 Florida  
N. 11 Louisiana Tech  
N. 18 at Georgia  
D. 2 Alabama

### FLORIDA (7-5)

S. 9 Mississippi  
S. 16 Louisiana Tech  
S. 23 at Memphis St.  
S. 30 Mississippi St.  
O. 7 at LSU  
O. 14 Vanderbilt  
O. 21 New Mexico  
N. 4 at Auburn  
N. 11 Georgia  
N. 18 Kentucky  
D. 2 Florida St.

### GEORGIA (9-3)

S. 16 Baylor  
S. 23 Mississippi  
S. 30 S. Carolina  
O. 7 at Tennessee  
O. 14 at Mississippi  
O. 21 at Vanderbilt  
O. 28 Kentucky  
N. 4 Temple  
N. 11 at Florida  
N. 18 Auburn  
D. 2 at Georgia Tech

### KENTUCKY (5-6)

S. 9 Indiana  
S. 16 N. Carolina  
S. 23 at Alabama  
O. 7 Auburn  
O. 14 Rutgers  
O. 21 LSU  
O. 28 at Georgia  
N. 4 Cincinnati  
N. 11 at Vanderbilt  
N. 18 at Florida  
N. 25 Tennessee

### LSU (8-4)

S. 2 at Texas A&M  
S. 16 Florida St.  
S. 30 Ohio  
O. 7 Florida  
O. 14 at Auburn  
O. 21 at Kentucky  
O. 28 Tennessee  
N. 4 Mississippi  
N. 11 Alabama  
N. 18 Mississippi St.  
N. 25 Tulane

### MISSISSIPPI (5-6)

S. 2 at Memphis St.  
S. 9 at Florida  
S. 16 Arkansas St.  
S. 23 Arkansas  
O. 7 Alabama  
O. 14 Georgia  
O. 21 at Tulane  
O. 28 Vanderbilt  
N. 4 LSU  
N. 18 at Tennessee  
N. 25 at Mississippi St.

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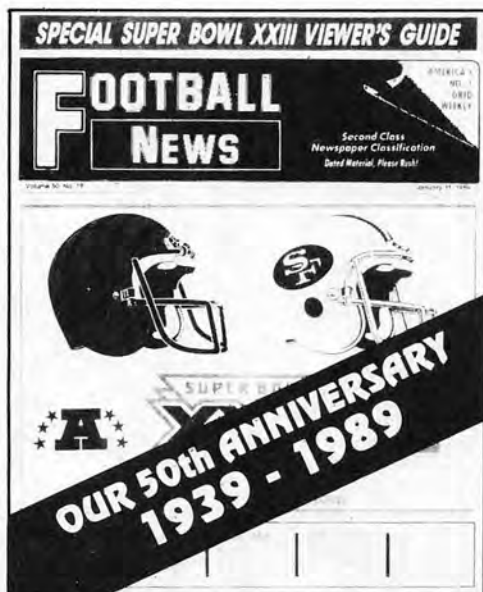


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# 1989 MAJOR COLLEGE SCHEDULES

## MISSISSIPPI ST. (1-10)

S. 2 Vanderbilt  
S. 9 S. Mississippi  
S. 23 at Georgia  
S. 30 at Florida  
O. 7 NE Louisiana  
O. 21 Memphis St.  
O. 28 at Auburn  
N. 4 at Alabama  
N. 11 Tulane  
N. 18 at LSU  
N. 25 Mississippi

## HOUSTON (9-3)

S. 2 at UNLV  
S. 23 Arizona St.  
S. 30 Temple  
O. 7 Baylor  
O. 14 at Texas A&M  
O. 21 SMU  
O. 28 at Arkansas  
N. 4 at TCU  
N. 11 Texas  
N. 25 Texas Tech  
D. 2 at Rice

## TEXAS TECH (5-6)

S. 9 Arizona  
S. 16 New Mexico  
S. 23 at Oklahoma St.  
S. 30 at Baylor  
O. 7 Texas A&M  
O. 14 Arkansas  
N. 4 at Texas  
N. 11 TCU  
N. 18 at SMU  
N. 25 at Houston

## HAWAII (9-3)

S. 2 Tulane  
S. 9 Long Beach St.  
S. 16 at Wyoming  
S. 23 Utah  
S. 30 New Mexico  
O. 7 San Diego St.  
O. 21 at Colorado St.  
O. 28 BYU  
N. 4 UTEP  
N. 11 Pacific  
D. 9 Air Force

## WYOMING (11-2)

S. 2 Louisville  
S. 10 at Air Force  
S. 16 Hawaii  
S. 23 Washington St.  
S. 30 at Oklahoma St.  
O. 7 at BYU  
O. 14 Utah  
O. 28 at New Mexico  
N. 4 Colorado St.  
N. 11 at San Diego St.  
N. 18 UTEP

## MIAMI (FLA.) (11-1)

S. 9 at Wisconsin  
S. 16 California  
S. 23 at Missouri  
S. 30 at Michigan St.  
O. 7 Cincinnati  
O. 14 San Jose St.  
O. 28 at Florida St.  
N. 4 E. Carolina  
N. 11 at Pittsburgh  
N. 18 San Diego St.  
N. 25 Notre Dame

## S. CAROLINA (8-4)

S. 2 Duke  
S. 9 Virginia Tech  
S. 16 at W. Virginia  
S. 23 Georgia Tech  
S. 30 at Georgia  
O. 7 E. Carolina  
O. 21 W. Carolina  
O. 28 N. Carolina St.  
N. 4 at Florida St.  
N. 11 at N. Carolina  
N. 18 Clemson

## TENNESSEE (5-6)

S. 2 Colorado St.  
S. 9 at UCLA  
S. 16 Duke  
S. 30 Auburn  
O. 7 Georgia  
O. 21 at Alabama  
O. 28 at LSU  
N. 11 Akron  
N. 18 Mississippi  
N. 25 at Kentucky  
D. 2 Vanderbilt

## RICE (0-11)

S. 2 at SMU  
S. 9 Tulane  
S. 23 SW Louisiana  
S. 30 at Wake Forest  
O. 7 at Texas  
O. 14 TCU  
O. 21 at Texas Tech  
O. 28 Texas A&M  
N. 4 at TCU  
N. 18 at Baylor  
D. 2 Houston

## SMU (DNP)

S. 2 Rice  
S. 16 Connecticut  
S. 23 Texas  
S. 30 at TCU  
O. 14 Baylor  
O. 21 at Houston  
O. 28 N. Texas  
N. 4 at Texas A&M  
N. 11 at Notre Dame  
N. 18 Texas Tech  
D. 2 at Arkansas

## NEW MEXICO (2-10)

S. 2 BYU  
S. 9 New Mexico St.  
S. 16 at Texas Tech  
S. 23 at Tulsa  
S. 30 at Hawaii  
O. 7 Colorado St.  
O. 14 at UTEP  
O. 21 at Florida  
O. 28 Wyoming  
N. 4 at San Diego St.  
N. 11 at Utah  
N. 18 Fresno St.

## MAJOR INDEP.

### ARMY (9-3)

S. 16 at Syracuse  
S. 23 Wake Forest  
S. 30 Harvard  
O. 7 at Duke  
O. 14 Holy Cross  
O. 21 Lafayette  
O. 28 Rutgers  
N. 4 at Air Force  
N. 11 Boston Col.  
N. 18 Colgate  
D. 9 Navy

## NAVY (3-8)

S. 16 BYU  
S. 23 Citadel  
S. 30 at N. Carolina  
O. 7 Air Force  
O. 14 at Pittsburgh  
O. 21 at Boston Col.  
O. 28 James Madison  
N. 4 at Notre Dame  
N. 11 Syracuse  
N. 18 at Delaware  
D. 9 at Army

## SYRACUSE (10-2)

S. 9 at Temple  
S. 16 Army  
S. 23 at Pittsburgh  
O. 7 Florida St.  
O. 14 Penn St.  
O. 21 at Rutgers  
O. 28 E. Carolina  
N. 4 Boston Col.  
N. 11 at Navy  
N. 23 W. Virginia  
D. 3 Louisville\*  
\*Tokyo

## VANDERBILT (3-8)

S. 2 at Mississippi St.  
S. 23 Ohio  
S. 30 Alabama  
O. 7 at Memphis St.  
O. 14 at Florida  
O. 21 Georgia  
O. 28 at Mississippi  
N. 4 Virginia Tech  
N. 11 Kentucky  
N. 18 Tulane  
D. 2 at Tennessee

## TEXAS (4-7)

S. 4 at Colorado  
S. 23 at SMU  
S. 30 Penn St.  
O. 7 Rice  
O. 14 Okla. (Dallas)  
O. 21 at Arkansas  
N. 4 Texas Tech  
N. 11 at Houston  
N. 18 TCU  
N. 25 Baylor  
D. 2 at Texas A&M

## WAC

### AIR FORCE (5-7)

S. 2 San Diego St.  
S. 10 Wyoming  
S. 16 at Northwestern  
S. 23 UTEP  
S. 30 at Colorado St.  
O. 7 at Navy  
O. 14 Notre Dame  
O. 21 at TCU  
N. 4 Army  
N. 11 at BYU  
N. 25 at Utah  
D. 9 at Hawaii

## SAN DIEGO ST. (3-8)

S. 2 at Air Force  
S. 16 UCLA  
S. 23 Fullerton St.  
S. 30 at Utah  
O. 7 at Hawaii  
O. 14 Long Beach St.  
O. 21 Pacific  
O. 28 at UTEP  
N. 4 New Mexico  
N. 11 Wyoming  
N. 18 at Miami (Fla.)  
N. 25 BYU

## NOTRE DAME (12-0)

A. 31 Virginia\*  
S. 16 at Michigan  
S. 23 Michigan St.  
S. 30 at Purdue  
O. 7 at Stanford  
O. 14 at Air Force  
O. 21 USC  
O. 28 Pittsburgh  
N. 4 Navy  
N. 11 SMU  
N. 18 at Penn St.  
N. 25 at Miami  
\*Kickoff Classic

## TULANE (5-6)

S. 2 at Hawaii  
S. 9 Rice  
S. 16 SW Louisiana  
S. 23 at Florida St.  
S. 30 Iowa St.  
O. 14 at S. Mississippi  
O. 21 Mississippi  
O. 28 at Virginia Tech  
N. 4 Memphis St.  
N. 11 at Mississippi St.  
N. 18 at Vanderbilt  
N. 25 Louisiana St.

## SWC

### ARKANSAS (10-2)

S. 16 Tulsa  
S. 23 at Mississippi  
S. 30 UTEP  
O. 7 at TCU  
O. 14 at Texas Tech  
O. 21 Texas  
O. 28 Houston  
N. 4 at Rice  
N. 11 Baylor  
N. 24 at Texas A&M  
D. 2 SMU

### TEXAS A&M (7-5)

S. 2 LSU  
S. 9 at Washington  
S. 16 at TCU  
S. 30 S. Mississippi  
O. 7 at Texas Tech  
O. 14 Houston  
O. 21 at Baylor  
O. 28 at Rice  
N. 4 SMU  
N. 24 Arkansas  
D. 2 Texas

### BYU (9-4)

S. 2 at New Mexico  
S. 7 Washington St.  
S. 16 at Navy  
S. 30 at Utah St.  
O. 7 Wyoming  
O. 14 at Colorado St.  
O. 21 UTEP  
O. 28 at Hawaii  
N. 4 Oregon  
N. 11 Air Force  
N. 18 Utah  
N. 25 at San Diego St.

### UTAH (6-5)

S. 2 at Fresno St.  
S. 9 Utah St.  
S. 16 at Nebraska  
S. 23 at Hawaii  
S. 30 San Diego St.  
O. 7 at UTEP  
O. 14 at Wyoming  
O. 21 at Stanford  
O. 28 Colorado St.  
N. 11 New Mexico  
N. 18 at BYU  
N. 25 Air Force

### FLORIDA ST. (11-1)

S. 9 Clemson  
S. 16 at LSU  
S. 23 Tulane  
O. 7 at Syracuse  
O. 14 at Virginia Tech  
O. 21 Auburn  
O. 28 Miami  
N. 4 S. Carolina  
N. 11 at S. Mississippi  
N. 18 Memphis St.  
D. 2 at Florida

### PENN ST. (5-6)

S. 9 Virginia  
S. 16 Temple  
S. 23 Boston Col.  
S. 30 at Texas  
O. 7 at Rutgers  
O. 14 at Syracuse  
O. 28 Alabama  
N. 4 W. Virginia  
N. 11 at Maryland  
N. 18 Notre Dame  
N. 25 at Pittsburgh

### TULSA (4-7)

S. 2 at UTEP  
S. 9 Oklahoma St.  
S. 16 at Arkansas  
S. 23 New Mexico  
S. 30 at Iowa  
O. 7 at SW Louisiana  
O. 14 New Mexico St.  
O. 21 Idaho St.  
N. 4 Louisville  
N. 11 at Wake Forest  
N. 18 Bowling Green

## BAYLOR (6-5)

S. 9 at Oklahoma  
S. 16 at Georgia  
S. 23 Kansas  
S. 30 Texas Tech  
O. 7 at Houston  
O. 14 at SMU  
O. 21 Texas A&M  
O. 28 TCU  
N. 11 at Arkansas  
N. 18 Rice  
N. 25 at Texas

## TCU (4-7)

S. 9 at Missouri  
S. 23 S. Mississippi  
S. 30 SMU  
O. 7 Arkansas  
O. 14 at Rice  
O. 21 Air Force  
O. 28 at Baylor  
N. 4 Houston  
N. 11 at Texas Tech  
N. 18 at Texas  
N. 25 Texas A&M

## COLORADO ST. (1-10)

S. 2 at Tennessee  
S. 9 at Colorado  
S. 16 Fullerton St.  
S. 23 E. Michigan  
S. 30 Air Force  
O. 7 at New Mexico  
O. 14 BYU  
O. 21 Hawaii  
O. 28 at Utah  
N. 4 at Wyoming  
N. 11 at UTEP

## UTEP (10-3)

S. 2 Tulsa  
S. 9 Lamar  
S. 16 at New Mex. St.  
S. 23 at Air Force  
S. 30 at Arkansas  
O. 7 Utah  
O. 14 New Mexico  
O. 21 at BYU  
O. 28 San Diego St.  
N. 4 at Hawaii  
N. 11 Colorado St.  
N. 18 at Wyoming

## MEMPHIS ST. (6-5)

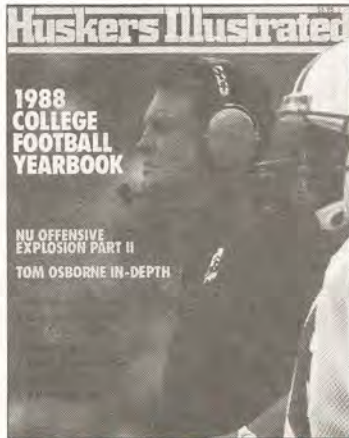
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S. 9 Arkansas St.  
S. 16 at Alabama  
S. 23 Florida  
S. 30 at Cincinnati  
O. 7 Vanderbilt  
O. 21 at Mississippi St.  
O. 28 S. Mississippi  
N. 4 at Tulane  
N. 11 Louisville  
N. 18 at Florida St.

## PITTSBURGH (6-5)

S. 2 Pacific  
S. 9 at Boston Col.  
S. 23 Syracuse  
S. 30 at W. Virginia  
O. 7 at Temple  
O. 14 Navy  
O. 28 at Notre Dame  
N. 4 at Rutgers  
N. 11 Miami (Fla.)  
N. 18 E. Carolina  
N. 25 Penn St.

## WEST VIRGINIA (11-1)

S. 2 Ball St.  
S. 9 at Maryland  
S. 16 S. Carolina  
S. 23 at Louisville  
S. 30 Pittsburgh  
O. 7 Virginia Tech  
O. 21 Cincinnati  
O. 28 at Boston Col.  
N. 4 at Penn St.  
N. 11 Rutgers  
N. 18 at Syracuse



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